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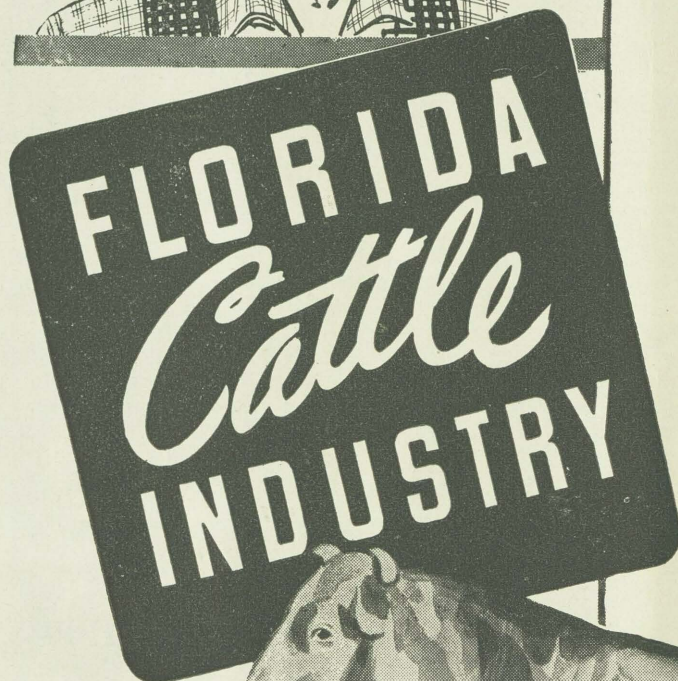
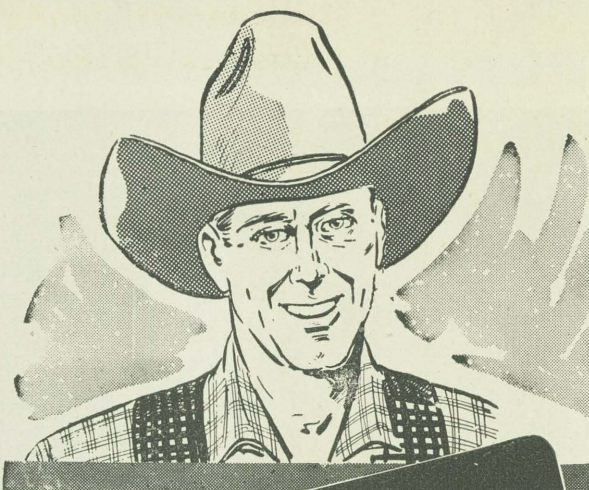
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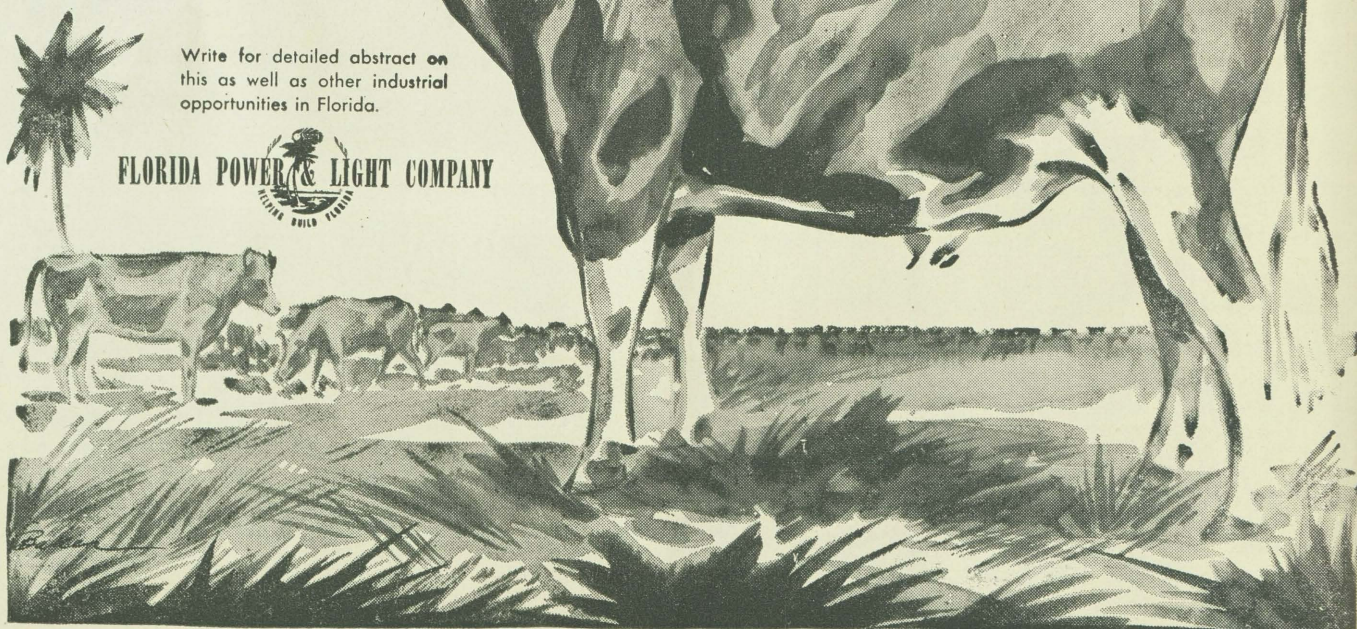
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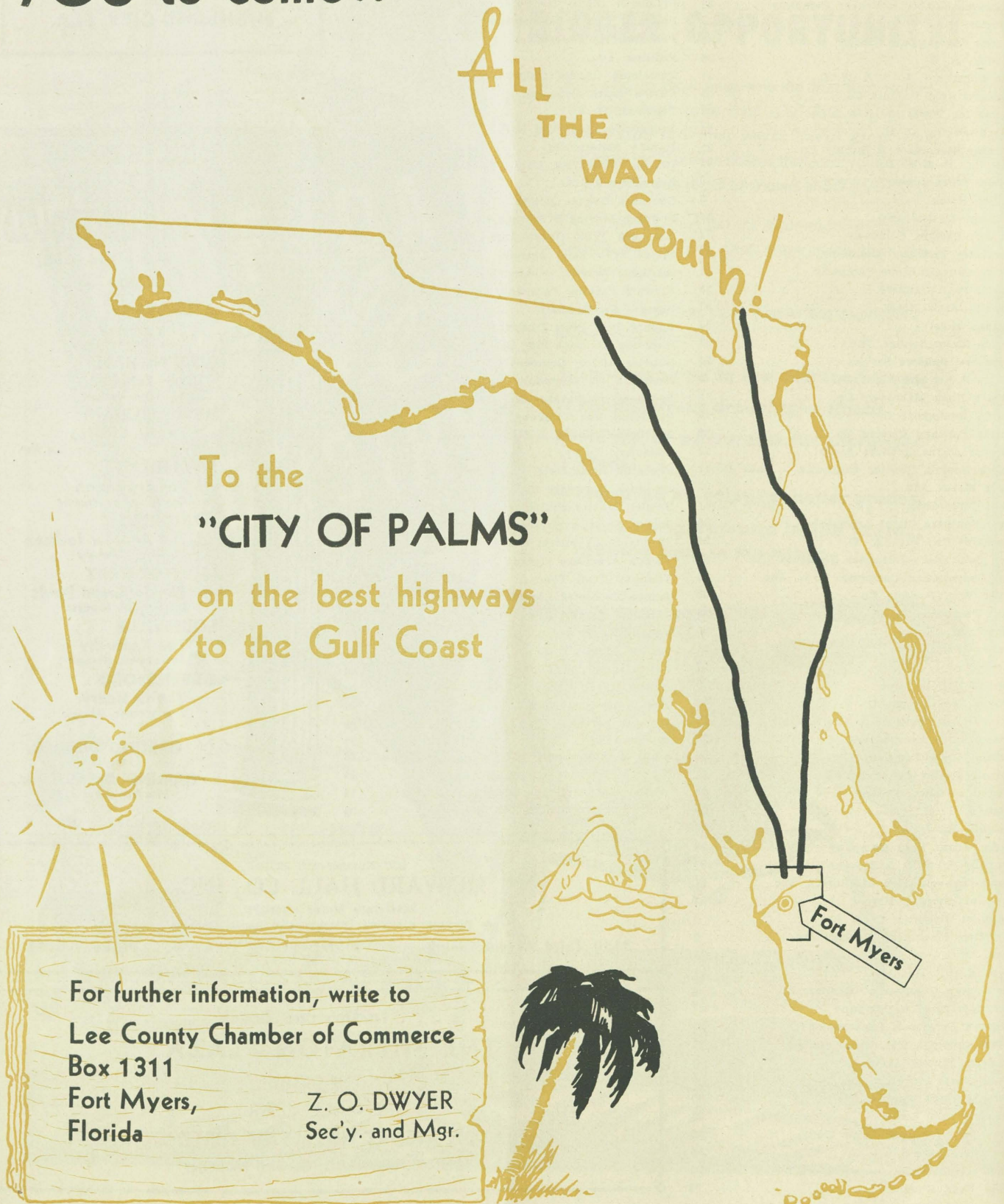
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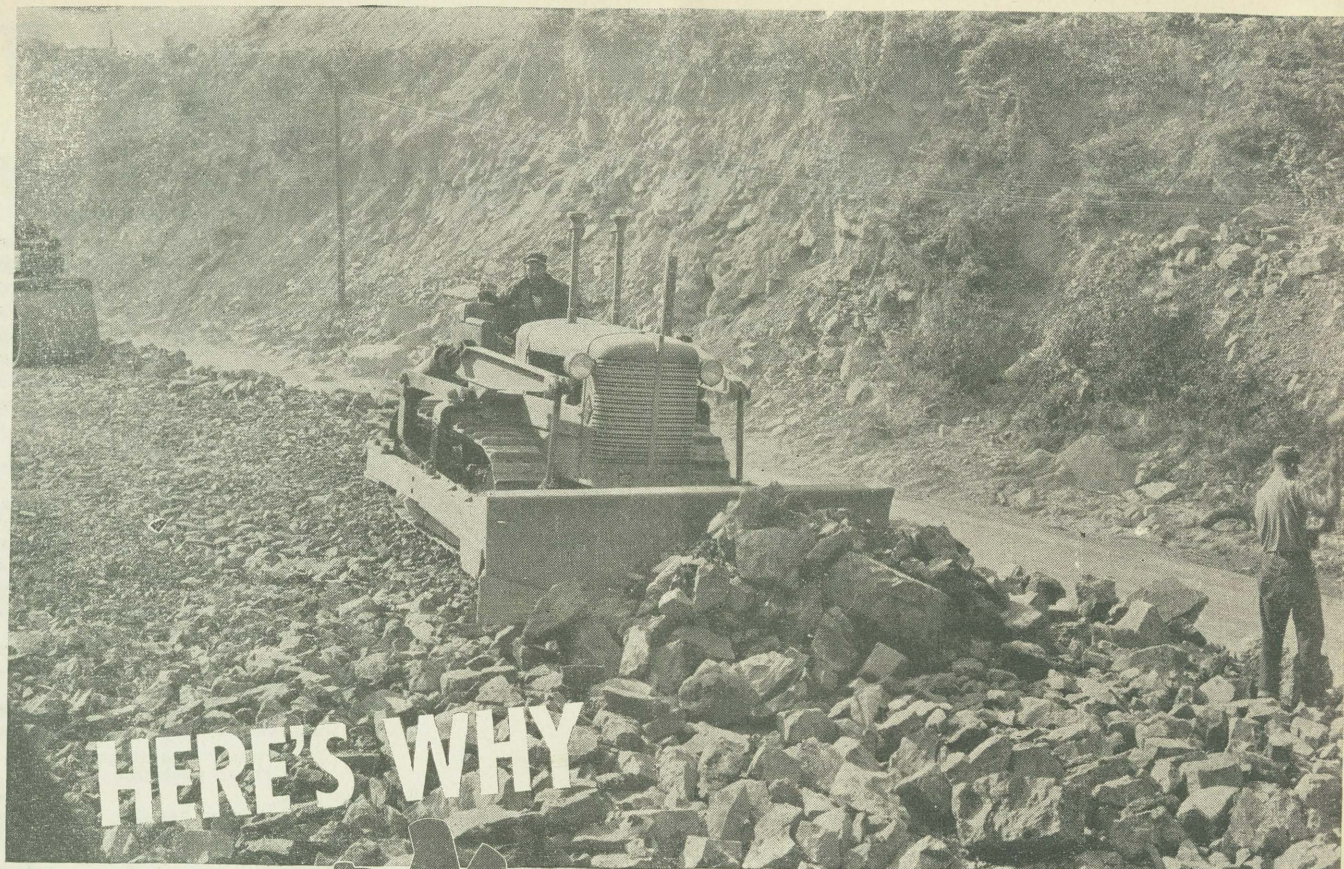
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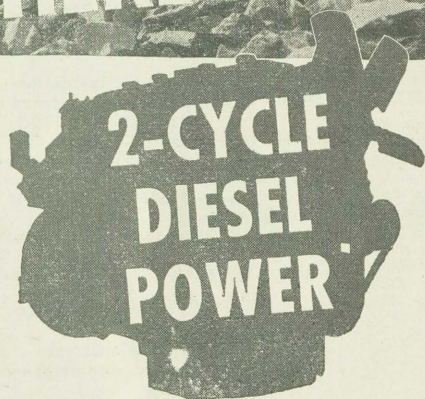
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EDITORIALS

HALF-WAY MARK

Publication of this issue of Florida Highways coincides with the half-way mark in the administration of Governor Caldwell.

Two years ago this month, Governor Caldwell was inaugurated. He announced immediately the appointment of several key men of his "little cabinet" and began to put into effect policies which he had previously advocated.

Three months later he presented to the 1945 Legislature a broad program of improvement, expansion and progress. He advocated substantial increases in State support of the public schools, conservation of the oil supply and of fresh water resources, a state advertising campaign, improvements at the state institutions and a post-war building program, increased support of welfare and a revenue plan designed to provide adequate funds for these and other purposes regardless of the duration of the war or fluctuations in receipts from other causes.

All of his major proposals were adopted by the Legislature with the single exception of the water conservation plan which carries over under the head of unfinished business.

Following the session of the 1945 Legislature, the Governor called in to help plan future policies, several committees of representative citizens from all sections of the state. These committees have been making detailed studies in the fields of education, water conservation, taxation, highway safety and conservation of youth.

At the governor's request a federal specialist in prisons made a study of Florida's penal system and submitted a report with recommendations for improvements. The governor and cabinet have been formulating plans for reconstructing the penal system.

Accomplishments already recorded at the half-way mark include:

An effective program of Florida advertising functioning with good results.

A school system strengthened by the addition of some \$6,000,000 in state funds annually.

A welfare program supported by more certain revenue and more adequate in amounts distributed.

State institutions brightened and improved by repairs, reconditioning and new structures.

Provision for thousands of veterans at the university and colleges.

An oil conservation law regarded as a model in completeness and soundness.

An industrial hygiene and safety program.

Relief of congested state offices in sight with the south wing of the Capitol nearly complete and other badly needed buildings designed and ready for contract.

South Florida hospitals opened.

Projects shaping up for presentation to the 1947 Legislature:

Additional aid to the schools and improvements in administration and courses of study.

Overhauling of the tax system.

Reconditioning of prisons, new institutions for female prisoners and first offenders and revised penal policies.

More facilities for University, colleges, institutions and state needs.

A doubled state activity for Public Health.

Plans under consideration include:

Expansion of the university system.

Strengthening of the laws affecting industrial safety and unemployment compensation with a probable reduction in payroll tax.

Water conservation.

Youth conservation.

Measures, including strengthened laws and enforcement, designed to reduce highway and street accidents.

It has been characteristic of the Caldwell administration that the Governor has insisted upon a maximum of local and citizenship responsibility. He has consistently refused to suspend county officials unless the citizenship took affirmative action first, such as indictment or conviction. His call upon citizens committees to help shape State plans is consistent with this policy as is also his opposition to direct state financial aid to the municipalities.

Also characteristic has been Governor Caldwell's progressive policy of advancing education, welfare, health, custodial care, safety and other causes of interest and concern to the people generally, within the framework of traditional—some would say "old fashioned"—American democracy.

Governor Caldwell uses the language of business—a conservative, realistic down-to-earth language—to advocate and achieve real progress. A key word in his discussion is "businesslike," and he has spoken to business groups about the sound investments in schools, health facilities and safety that pay dividends in dollars. It is not the language of the "left wing" but it is directed to the problems of the people and to common-sense solutions of those problems. Nor is it the language of the reactionary who would leave everything alone. On the contrary, Governor Caldwell has been most caustic in his description of the "moss back" attitude which retards progress.

The Caldwell administration has been described by students of government as in the pattern of Jefferson, Jackson and Wilson—progressive but realistic and businesslike.

The next two years, most forward-looking citizens believe, will see the fulfillment of the rest of the program advocated before the inauguration of the Governor and consistently advanced since in all his public statements.

Two more years of steady progress will, therefore, bring the State to a new high level of stability and growth.

Roadside Parks

In keeping with plans for modernizing and making safer and more attractive Florida's roadsides in this predominately tourist state, Chairman F. Elgin Bayless of the State Road Department, early this year reactivated on a much larger scale than was carried on before the war, the program of roadside improvement including wayside parks and picnic grounds, roadside parking areas, historic markers, war memorials, and scenic turnouts.

"Good News"

In recognition of this post war reactivated roadside work, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Lawton, Chairman of the National Roadside Council for the Protection and Development of Roadside Beauty, New York City, wrote the State Road Department under date of April 29 of this year:

"It is good news that the Florida State Road Department will now be able to resume its roadside improvement work. We have admired the Department's work along many stretches of Florida highways, particularly where the right-of-way has been widened to 200 feet and the margins have been landscaped by saving native trees and shrubs, singly and in groups. This, with the ground cover of grass has produced a most satisfactory natural and pleasing effect.

"The one condition we would suggest would be an occasional group of flowering trees or shrubs. As I drive from Florida north in the spring I see very little bloom in Florida outside of the towns, while the Carolina and Virginia highways are colorful with bloom.

"Undoubtedly, in many counties

the garden clubs and women's clubs would raise funds to buy nursery stock if the State Department would plant and maintain it. Florida has so many flowering trees, shrubs and vines which could be used.

"I realize that cattle and fires have ruined many plantings in the past and possibly would still cause sufficient damage to make this project impractical. The Road Department will know best about that.

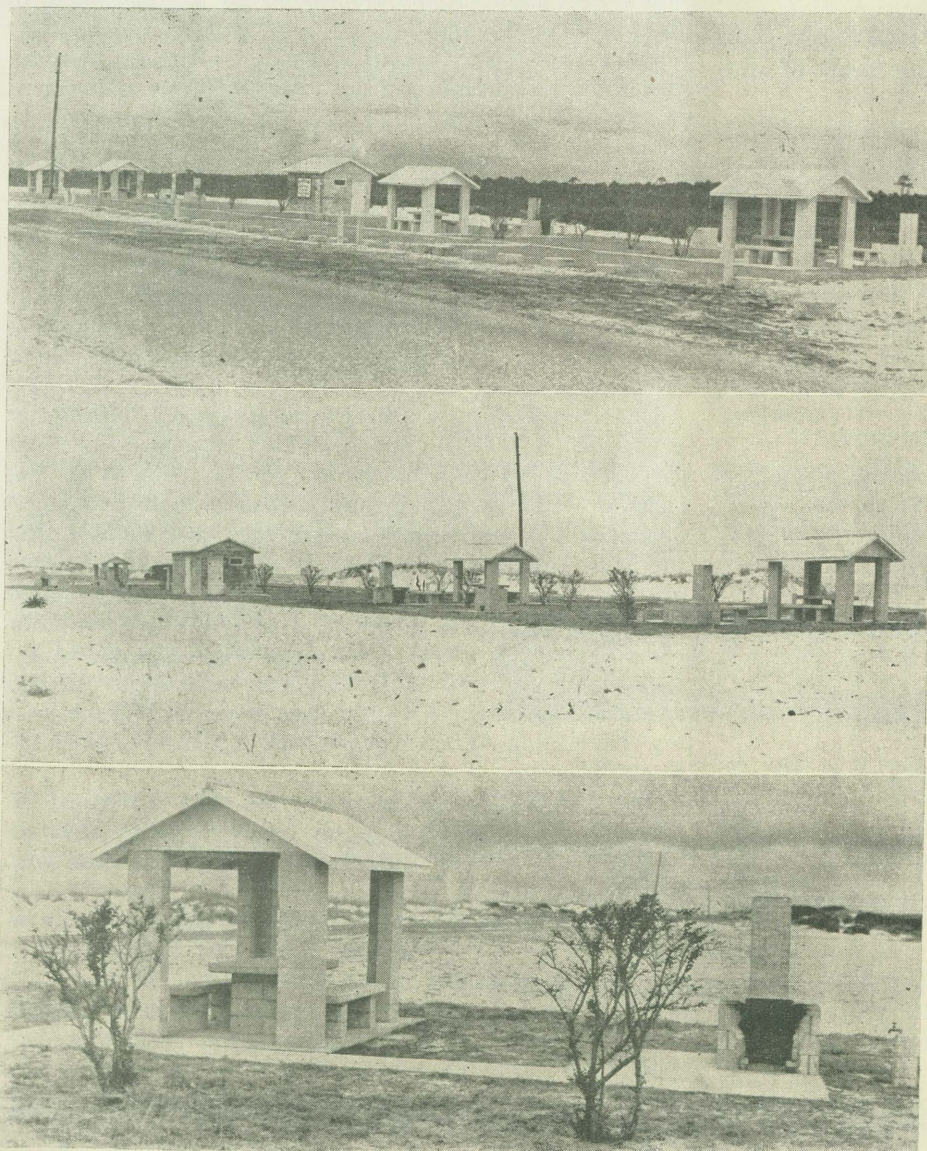
"We are so glad to know that Roadside Rests are to be created. There are so many miles in Florida and the other southern states where it is impossible to find a chance to stop in the shade and off the pavement. Sometimes on long hot rides such a change becomes almost a necessity if one is to continue driving with safety. The Rests will certainly serve safety as well as pleasure."

The Florida State Chamber of Commerce and the Garden Clubs of Florida recommended these developments as far back as 1934 to the State Road Department and through their efforts statutory authority was enacted for undertaking roadside improvements.

Florida Lagging

Many states have far surpassed Florida in roadside improvement programs and Florida citizens making motor trips in such states as Texas, Virginia, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, California, Pennsylvania and others where roadside improvement has been stressed have wondered why Florida's program has lagged. For example, the Michigan Highway Department advises that Michigan has approximately 3500 picnic tables placed along 9000 miles of state trunkline highways; approximately 500 of this number are located in 50 roadside parks. Michigan's roadside parks, in order to be classed as such must have running water, picnic tables, toilets, outdoor stoves and must provide for off highway parking.

PANAMA BEACH WAYSIDE PARK AND PICNIC GROUNDS—This is a series of 3 pictures of different views of the Wayside Park recently completed by the State Road Department at Panama Beach about 14 miles west of Panama City on State Road 30, U. S. Highway 98.



Three Completed

Beginning the roadside work in April of this year, the State Road Department has now completed three wayside parks and picnic grounds, one located at Panama Beach, U. S. 98, State Road 30; and one near Beacon Hill, U. S. 98, State Road 30; and another near Cottondale, U. S. 90, State Road 10.

Pictures of these parks shown will give the reader a fair idea of their utility and attractiveness.

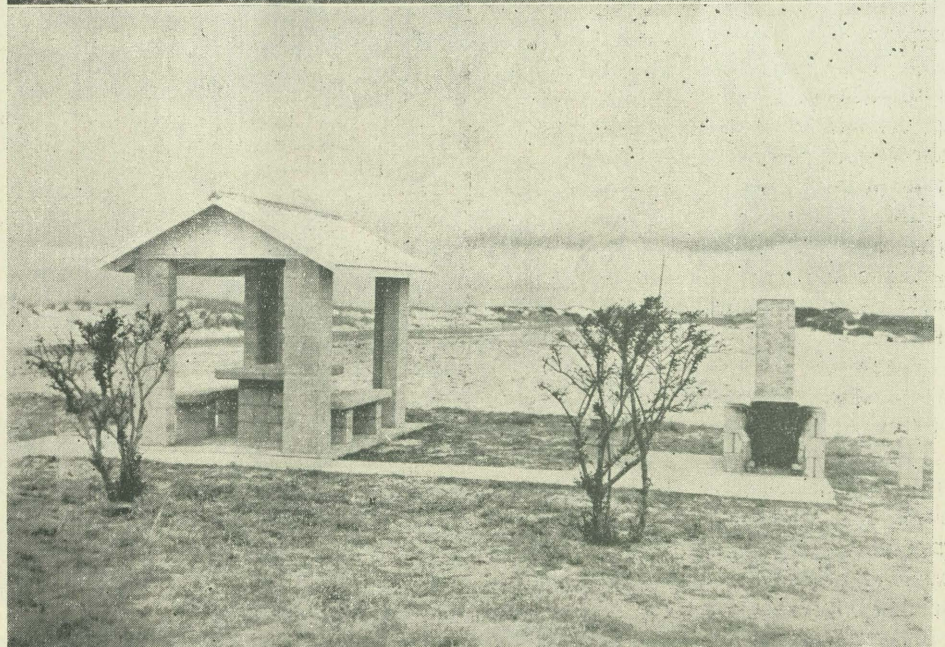
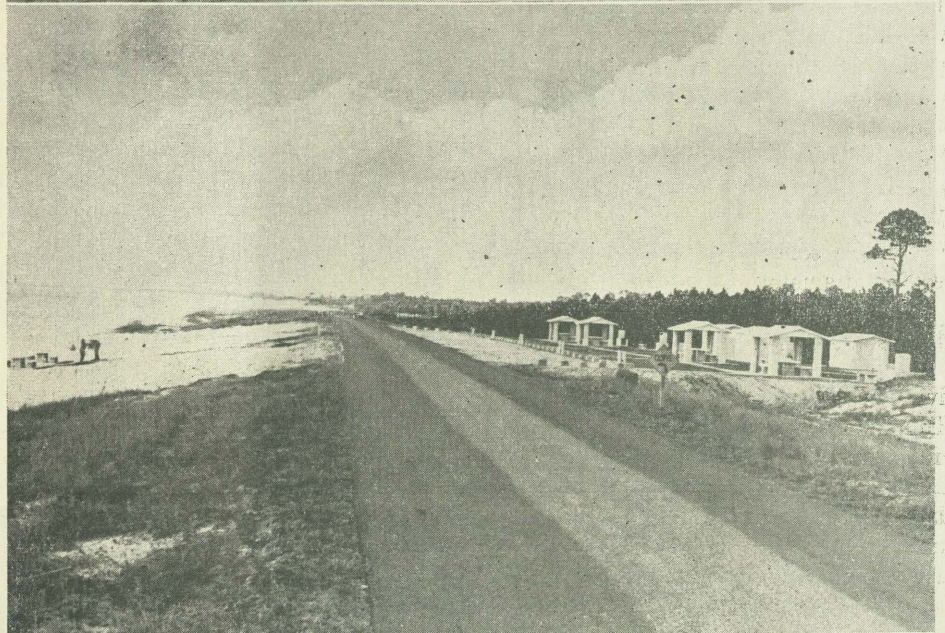
Not only do these parks afford rest stops for the pleasure and comfort of travelers, but they serve to advertise Florida's interest in the welfare of its visitors. People who have stopped along our highways to eat cold lunches in roadside ditch areas, leaving the ground littered with paper and refuse may now park their cars with safety off the traveled part of the road in these wayside rests and use the stoves and picnic tables in preparing and eating their lunches in a clean and wholesome setting. These picnic park areas equipped with fireguard devices will serve to eliminate many fires from Florida's forests previously resulting from careless picnickers along unprotected roadside areas.

Since the building of these first wayside parks, the Department has received numerous requests from civic organizations, garden clubs, cities and counties for the installation of parks in other localities. The Department is carefully investigating these requests and as many as possible will be undertaken if the locations suggested appear suitable and donations of the necessary sites for the parking areas can be secured.

Civic Clubs have taken the lead in sponsoring and securing sites for the parks. Whenever desired by local groups these parks will be dedicated as war memorials to soldiers of World War II.

Mr. E. C. DeGarmo, Assistant State Highway Engineer for the Department, has general charge of this improvement work. His field representative is Mr. W. Guy Stovall, Superintendent of Wayside Parks, who is actively engaged in acquiring approved sites and in supervising the work of installing the parks.

Views of Roadside Parks constructed by the State Road Department at Cottondale, Beacon Hill and Panama Beach.



Floridian Collects Rare Birds

By GLADYS BEST TRIPP

The most amazing bird collection in all Florida is owned by Ernest Harrison, Jr., of the Murray Hill residential section in Jacksonville. His collection is outstanding because it includes the finest assortment of rare birds individually owned in the state, a colorful macaw with a story-book life history, and a plain little English sparrow living happily amid the blue-bloods of the bird world. His bird family has more than 450 beautiful and musical members.

The bird sanctuary was once just an ordinary backyard in one of the suburbs of Jacksonville. Now it is a well-laid out garden with winding paths encircling the unusual and large bird cages. Azaleas, blooming fruit trees and other Florida plants form a fitting background for these musical pets. Lily-covered ponds and goldfish pools beautify the cages which are sometimes as large as ten feet in diameter.

The importance of the birds in Harrison's collection is easily seen by a glance at the international varieties living in his backyard. There are Hungarian partridges, African silver bills, Bengales finches, Mexican cardinals, Australian gouldian finches, shell parakeets, Cuban olive finches, cockatiels, golden and Chinese ring-neck pheasants, and Japanese black fantail pigeons.

Possibly the most beautiful panorama of bird coloring appears in the huge cage of 200 parakeets. Vying with rainbow in shading and variety of coloring, the parakeets are small parrot-like birds. Their colors range from bright canary yellow to a soft mauve. The greens vary into apple, olive and grass tones. The blues are aquamarine, dark and light tones, with the violet mauve at the bottom of the color scale.

A few of the parakeets are solid white. Most of them are combinations of two complimentary colors. Delicate pink wings often accompany a soft blue breast coloring. The popular shade of chartreuse is seen with a greenish-yellow combination. The amazing perfection of nature's color schemes is represented in the entire parakeet family.

The parakeets can be taught to talk just like a parrot, although Harrison has never trained one to speak. He prefers the mass of beautifully colored birds to a single talking parakeet. If taught to speak like a parrot, the parakeet must be separated from other parakeets while still a fledgling. Raised in a cage with others of its kind, the parakeet will only coo like ordinary "love birds."

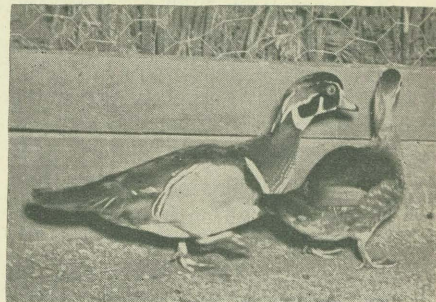
Inside the huge round cage which has a cement floor and thatched roof about eight feet off the ground, Harrison has built houses for the parakeet hens. Each hen must have a separate nest, he says, and all the nests must be exactly alike. If the nest houses are staggered for the artistic effect used in some of the other large cages, the parakeet hens would fight over them. Harrison compares the female birds to women who all want the same house if it is a little different from the others.

The parakeets lay one egg a day for a week, and the little birds hatch out in the same succession. By the time the last fledging hatches, the oldest in the nest is ready to try his wings.

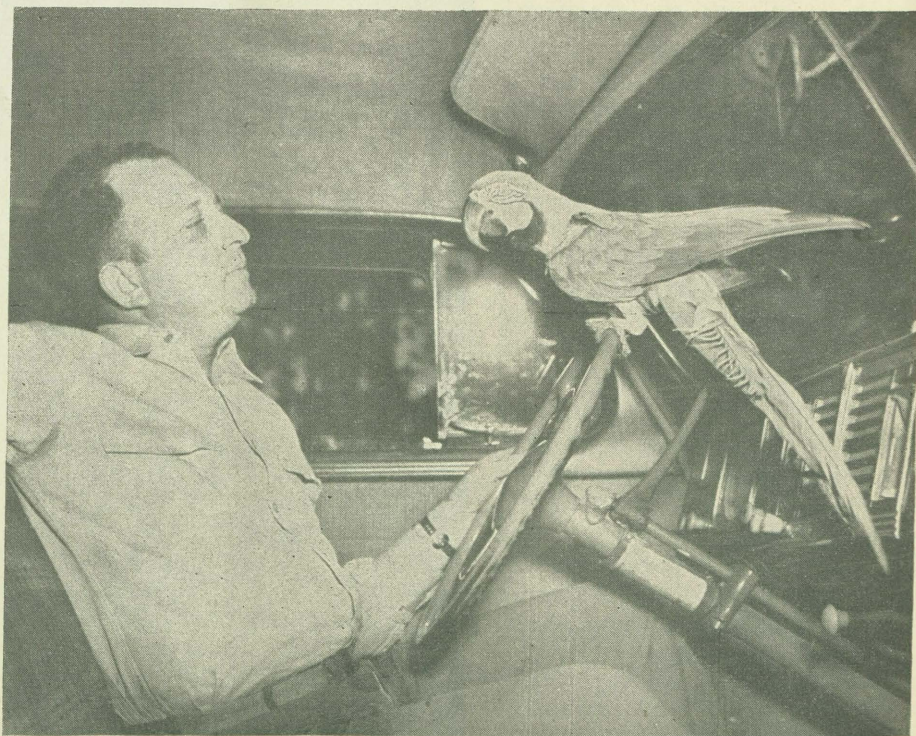
The other largest cage in Har-

rison's backyard contains 11 foreign varieties of finches and the little English sparrow. Here the nest houses dot the whole inside of the cage roof. These bird houses are various shapes and sizes. The most unusual of the houses belongs to a pair of cockatiels. The cockatiels do not build nests like other birds. The hen lays the eggs right on the flooring of the bird house. Harrison has hollowed out the floor board in saucer shape to keep the eggs from rolling around. The cockatiels are neat housekeepers and all trash that gets inside their house, they take out immediately. The birds whistle beautifully.

The Bengales finches in the cage are imports from India. The silver



Wood ducks owned by Ernest Harrison, Jr., of Jacksonville.



Ernest Harrison, Jr., Murray Hill, Jacksonville, with a Macaw from his unusual bird collection.

bill finches are natives of Africa. The chestnut finches originally came from the South Sea islands. Cuba is the native home of the olive, melodious and Maraposa finches.

One of the most strikingly colored varieties is called a zebra finch. True to its name, the bird has stripes similar to those of a zebra. Also quite unusual is the small strawberry finch. During the breeding season, the ro-tund little bird actually looks like a big strawberry. Bright red in color at that time, his round chest has dots just like a strawberry. Harrison has a pair of each of these.

In the same cage are a pair of diamond doves, highly valued by bird collectors. Their cooing merges with the musical notes of the other birds. Originally they came from Australia.

But one of the most startling stand-outs in this huge cage of finches, diamond doves and cockatiels is the small English sparrow, drab in its brown coloring as compared to the others, but just as much at home in the Harrison collection as any of them.

The only claim to rarity that the sparrow has is its age. The sparrow has lived ten years in captivity, an unusual record for its species.

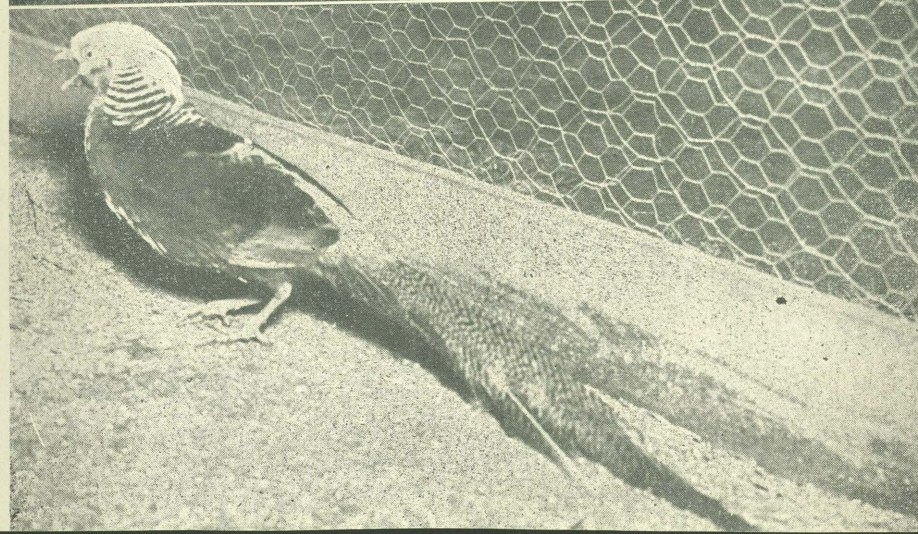
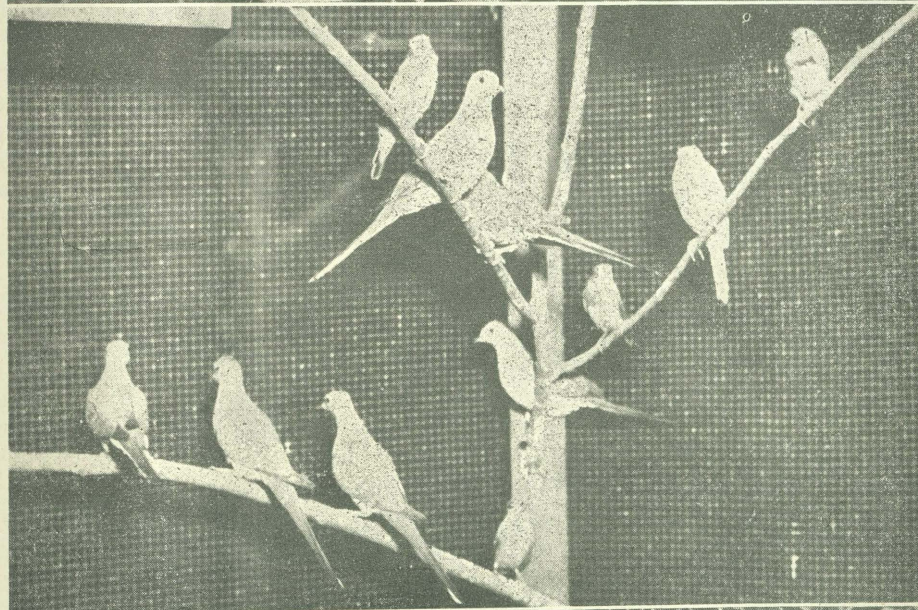
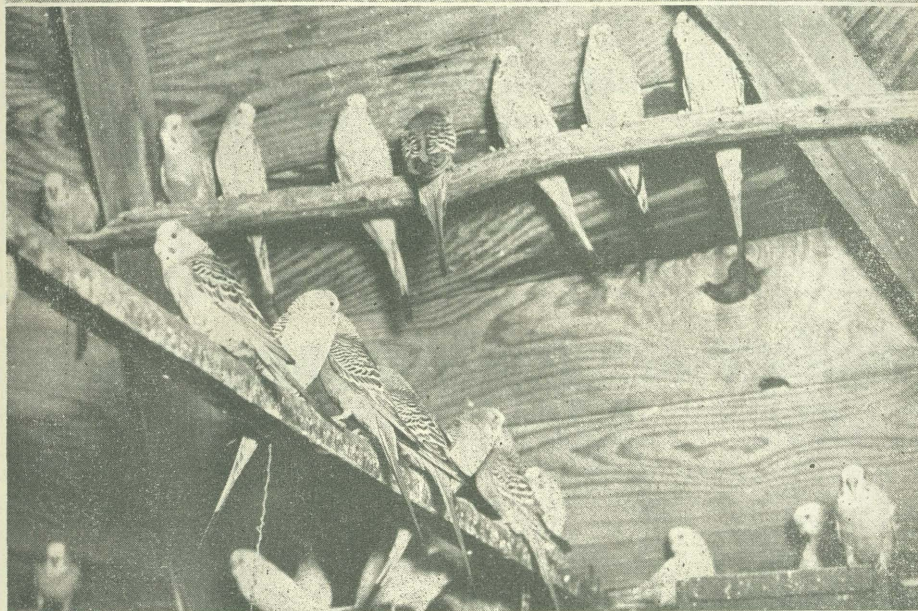
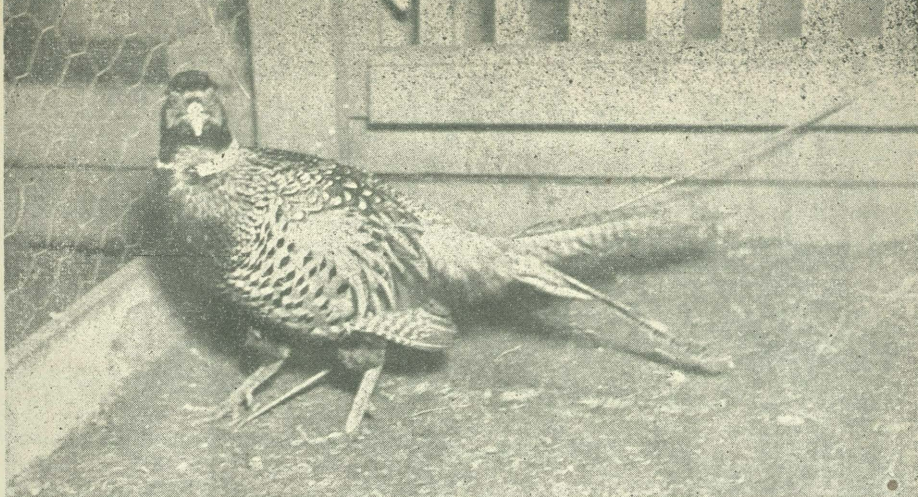
Its life story is truly a bird cinderella tale. Ten years ago Mrs. Austin Miller, wife of the city attorney in Jacksonville, picked up a wounded baby sparrow in her flower garden and nursed it back to health. The bird never showed any tendency to want its freedom, and she kept it as a pet for eight years.

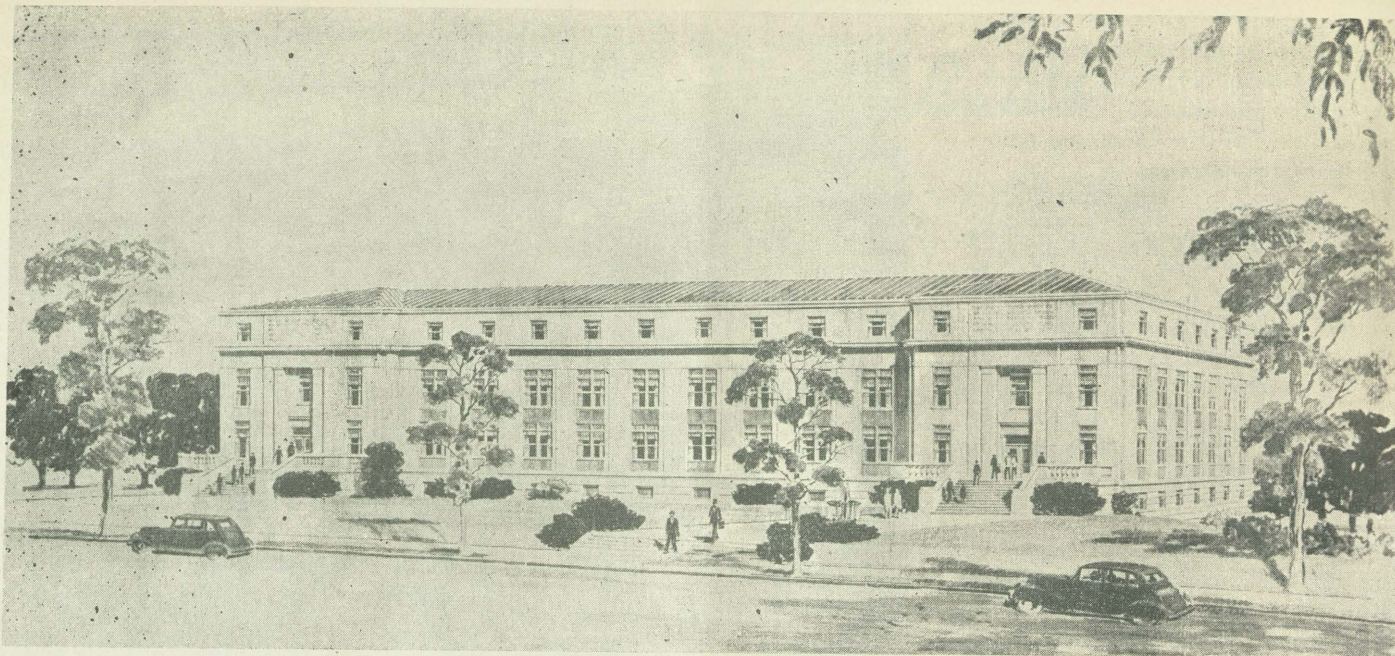
After she saw Harrison's unusual backyard arrangement for birds, she decided the little sparrow would be happier in the comfortable open-air cages with other birds. She knew that to turn the sparrow loose to face the rigors of the world would have been disastrous since its sheltered life had left it unprepared to cope with the problems of other birds. So she asked Harrison to accept the little brown sparrow as one of his pets.

Harrison has been keeping the sparrow now for two years. The bird

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Top right:—A Chinese Pheasant. Second picture from top is shown a group of Parakeets. Third picture from top a group of doves, any of several birds of the same family as the pigeon. Bottom picture:—The Golden Pheasant.





Architect's drawing of new building planned for the Florida Industrial Commission.

Industrial Commission's New Building

This building, designed specially for the Industrial Commission of the State of Florida, will be a reinforced monolithic concrete structure, of simplified monumental design.

Located just south of the Capitol Building on a sloping site, it will form an important unit in the proposed Capitol Center project.

The north facade, facing the Capitol, will be two hundred fifty-eight feet overall. The wings at either end, forming a Service court on the south, will be one hundred twenty-four feet in depth.

Entrances on the north will be at the first floor level, at the basement level on the sides and at the sub-basement level in the service court. Thus, three floors of the five-story building will have direct access to outside street levels. Access to the upper floors will be by a stairway and elevator at each end of the building.

Offices and work rooms for all departments of the Commission will be housed on four of the five floors of the building, and will be provided with year-round air-conditioning.

Office space on each of these four floors will be approximately fifteen thousand square feet.

In addition to air-conditioning, machine rooms, boiler rooms, workshops and storage rooms in the sub-basement, a cafeteria, kitchen, and

snack bar seating approximately two hundred fifty people, will be located in one wing. Kitchen equipment in general will be electric. Capitol Center personnel, other than the Commission employees, will have access to the cafeteria by way of outside entrances.

Some of the building's features will be suspended acoustical ceilings, asphalt tile in corridors and offices, acoustically treated walls, ceilings and floors in especially noisy machine rooms, aluminum windows, fluorescent lighting, under floor electric and communications ducts, tile and plaster corridor partitions and furring tile and plaster on exterior walls, movable steel office partitions, metal doors, tile walls and floors of toilet rooms, metal lockers in all locker rooms, smooth formed exterior concrete walls, painted white, granite steps and flagging and batten seam copper roofing.

Architects are Yonge & Hart—James Gamble Rogers, II, Associated Architects.

NEW STATE OFFICER

The state cabinet has created the position of coordinator of state institutions and Governor Caldwell has named Terry C. Lee, formerly state budget director, to fill the post.

The functions of the coordinator, as explained by the governor, are to confer with the superintendents of the state's

five custodial and penal institutions and bring to the cabinet each week such recommendations and suggestions as they may have to offer, if they meet with the approval of the coordinator.

One wonders, sometimes, how members of the state cabinet, each with his individual responsibilities and cares, has the time to attend meetings of all the boards of which he is a member, and to become familiar with the operation of the five big state institutions and have a working understanding of all their problems.

Hardly a week passes but what some one or another head of a state institution appears before the cabinet to discuss problems, make recommendations and requests, all of which must be dealt with on the information thus furnished. The purpose of having a coordinator to handle these matters, is to place one person in close touch with the institutions and their problems, and to funnel all suggestions, recommendations, etc., to the cabinet through this person.

It would appear that it is a move in the right direction. Some economies in operation of these institutions should become apparent soon, as the coordinator will soon be able to compare what is being done in one institution with what is being done in another, and bring these matters to the attention of the cabinet.

The time of the superintendents will also be saved, as they will be relieved of the necessity of going to Tallahassee to personally appear before the board week after week.—Ocala Star-Banner.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STUDYING

Soil Mechanics

For the first time in its history, the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Florida, Gainesville, is now offering senior students the opportunity of majoring in Highway Engineering.

This has been accomplished by changes in the curriculum which will permit the senior student in Civil Engineering to take specialized courses in Highway Engineering. Other options which the student may

choose are Structural Engineering, Sanitary Engineering and Administrative Engineering. A separate course of study in the Civil Engineering Department leads to a degree in Public Health Engineering.

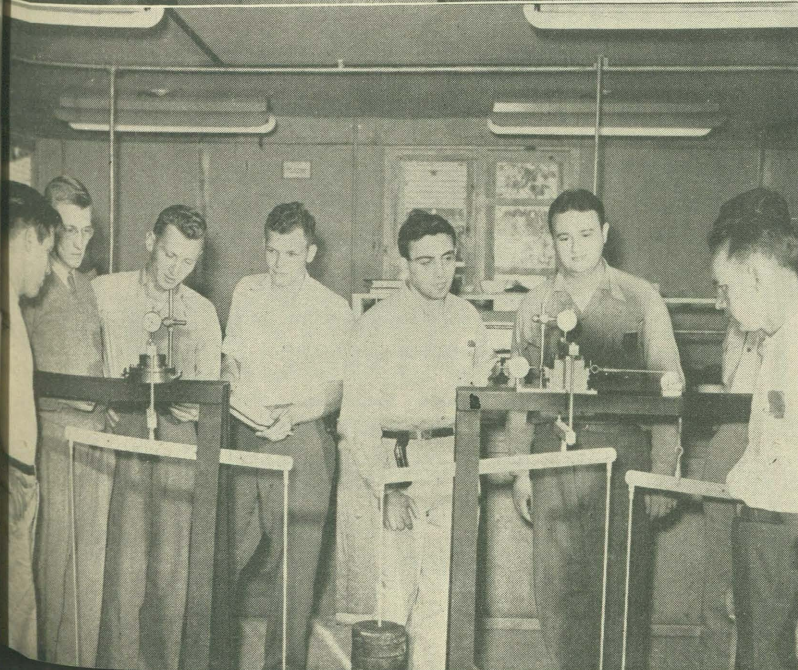
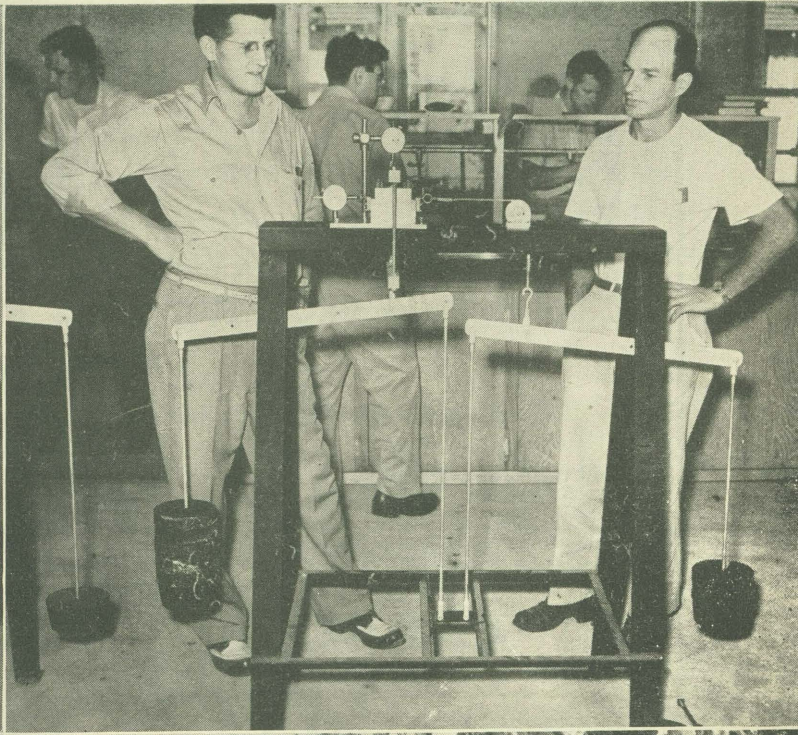
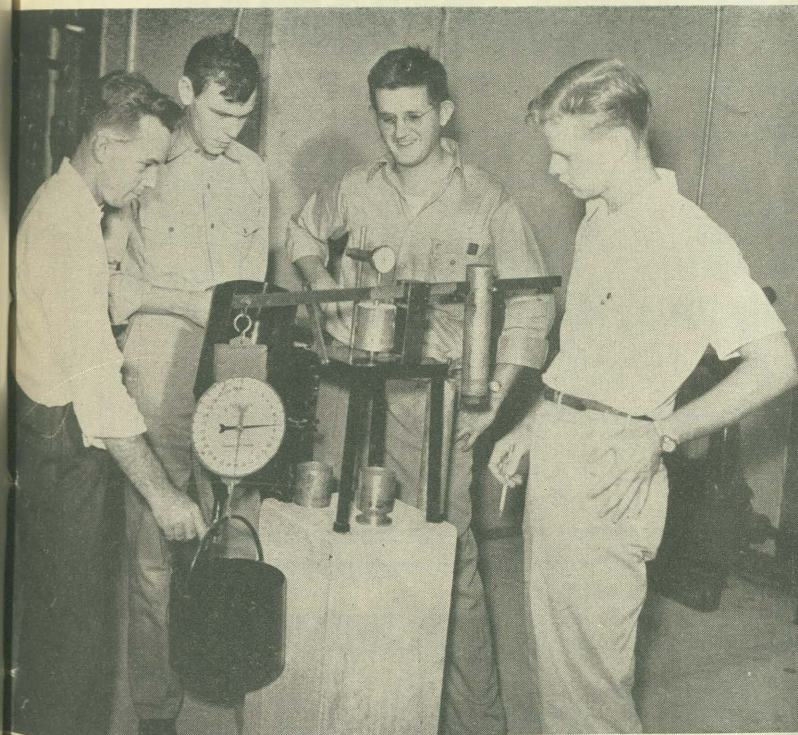
The course of study in the Highway Field develops as follows: In the Junior year, along with other courses in Civil Engineering, all Civil Engineering students take an introductory course in Highways and Airports.

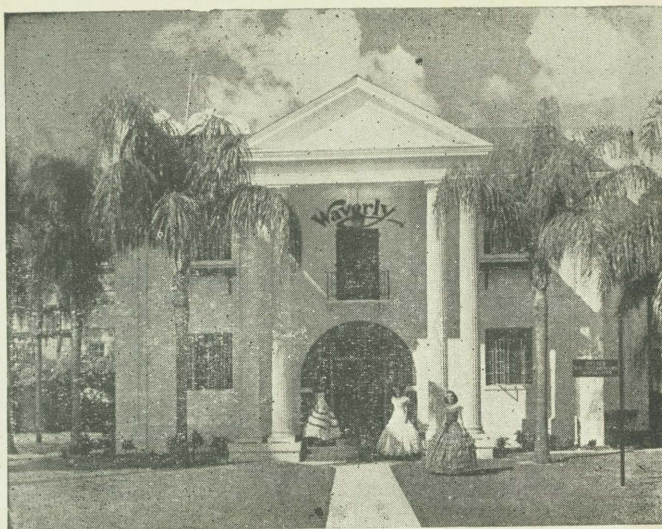
This first course is a general one, covering the field of Highway Design, Materials, Construction, Planning, Administration and Financing, and similar subjects pertaining to Airports.

In the first semester of the Senior year the student electing the Highway option takes courses in Soil Mechanics, covering the origin and composition of soil, characteristics and

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Left to right and top to bottom: Students in soil mechanics determine value of a sandy soil by use of Florida bearing machine, developed by the State Road Department and built in the shops of the Engineering College; students observing test in progress on a cohesive, undisturbed soil sample using direct shear machine in soil mechanics laboratory; students observing structural tests on undisturbed soil sample—at left consolidation test is in progress, at right is direct shear machine. Students inspecting construction equipment recently received for demonstration.





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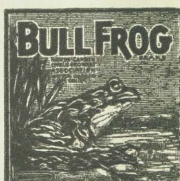
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NEW STATE ROAD NUMBERS

State Road Numbers and Other Highway Signs Being Erected

The State Road Department sign crews are now busy replacing highway number signs with new signs showing the recently assigned new State Road numbers. It is expected that the change-over will be completed before the end of 1946.

This action follows a directive of the 1941 Legislature. Reasons for the directive are briefly stated in the Act (Chapter 20720, 1941) as follows:

"WHEREAS, due to the great numbers of new roads that have been

designated state roads, the present policy of assigning a separate number to each newly designated road has been found to be obsolete, confusing and unduly cumbersome, and

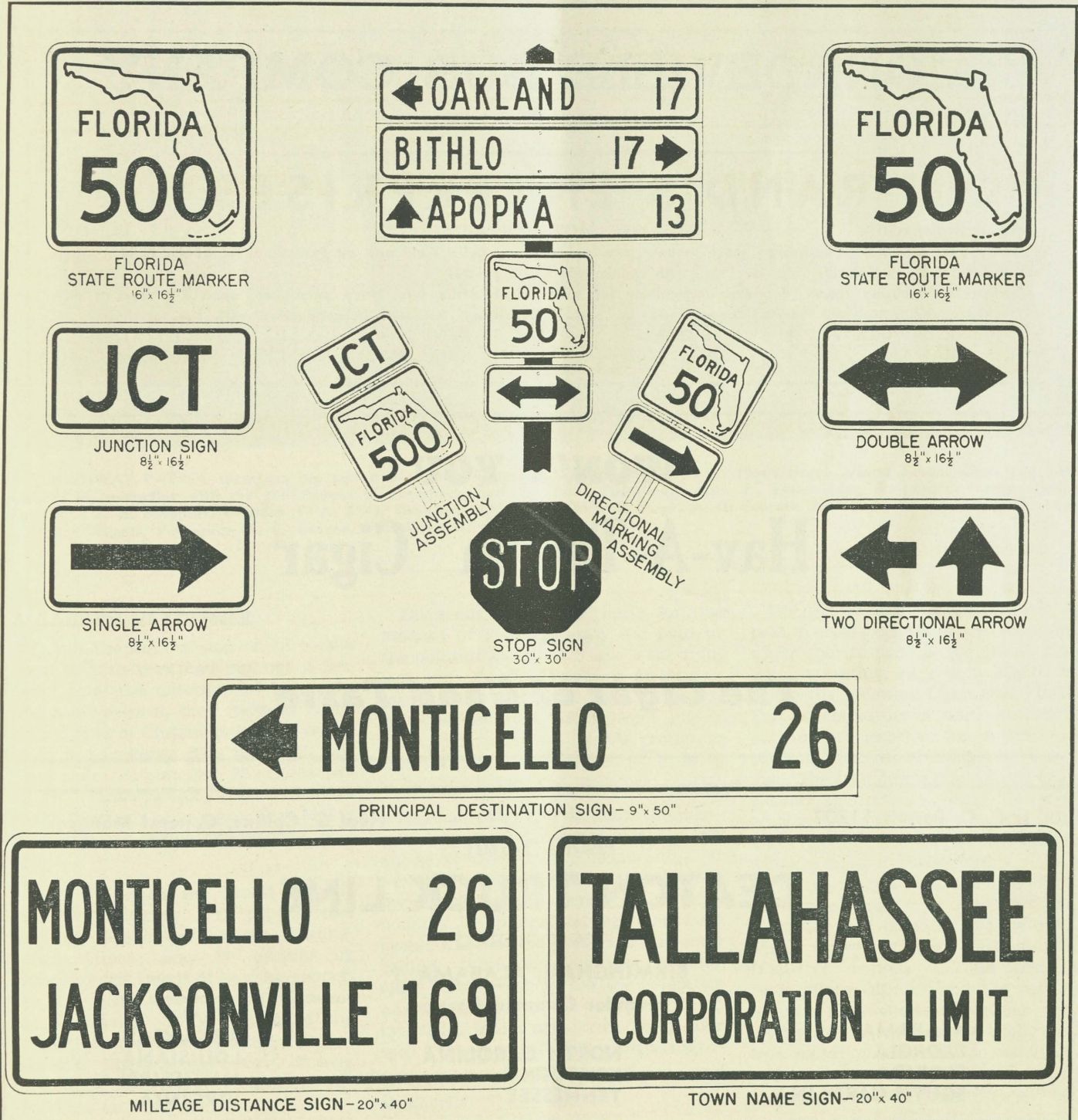
WHEREAS, the renumbering of the state roads would result in greatly reducing the numbers of same, removing confusion because of duplication of state road and U. S. Highway route numbers on different roads and simplifying the num-

bering of roads on state road maps;" . . .

Action of erecting the new highway numbers had to be deferred five years due to wartime scarcity of material.

A renumbering system was, however, worked out in the meantime. Under the System the numbering is based on the gridiron pattern, so that a number will indicate the approximate location of the road it identifies.

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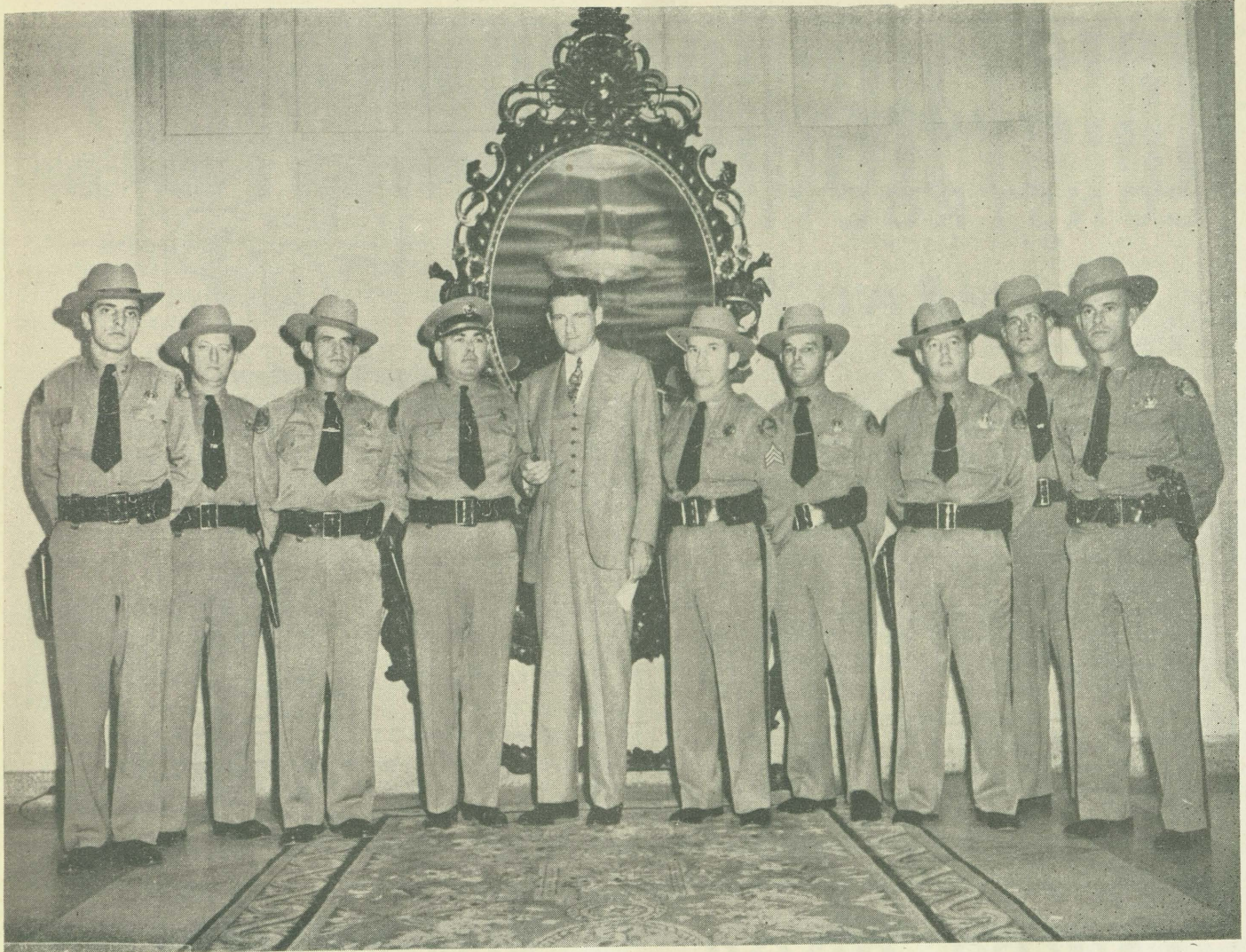
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HIGHWAY PATROL members are shown here with Governor Caldwell in the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, where the Patrol assisted in connection with the conferences of governors. Left to right, Patrolman John R. Fullenwider, Patrolman Henry Randall, Patrolman F. G. Burghart, Captain T. A. Bass, Governor Millard F. Caldwell, Sergt. A. G. Fausett, Patrolman W. A. Lange, Patrolman George Reichgott, Patrolman P. E. Gracey, Patrolman R. C. Poindexter.

A GARDEN HEADLINER

This is the time of year when people begin to wish they had put out a few dozen poinsettia cuttings last spring so that somewhere in their gardens flamboyant rows of Christmas flowers would be in the making. The wish will become more acute as Dec. 25 approaches for the poinsettias and the red berries of the Brazilian pepper give Fort Myers its festive air during the holiday season.

Both are among the easiest imaginable things to grow. The pepper trees need no care at all beyond pruning. Disappointment may be avoided by being sure the tree is of bearing gender, the male being scrawny, with blossoms but no berries. A far corner of the garden is the most desirable pepper tree site. There it may spread its long streamers of green and red without encroaching on other plants.

Dividends almost as large for the amount of care necessary are paid by the poinsettias. All they ask is the right location. Good drainage is an important factor and some form of windbreak is desirable. Most people like to plant a shorter shrub, like the croton, in front of them, since poinsettias grow to a height of ten feet or more.

Newcomers to Florida know the poinsettia only as a treasured potted plant, an exotic Christmas remembrance. It would be difficult to over-estimate the impression these immense red beauties, nodding in tropical gardens, make on people who have just left cold and snow behind. While the glamorous bougainvillea bursts on them, too, the poinsettia has the impact of an admired friend multiplied into a mob scene. To all they spell Christmas and are a most satisfactory substitute for snowflakes and sleighbells.

For the amateur gardener their appeal is great because of the speed with which they respond to the initial planting. A cutting set out in March will bloom the following Christmas. In one Fort Myers garden a single cutting set out to test location for future mass planting has four blossoms in the making. The true flower is the small center cluster, the rosettes being flower-like bracts. Variations, though not always improvements, are the doubles and the white, a dusty unshowy pink.

For a gorgeous and effective display of tropical beauty at little cost Fort Myers should consider the poinsettia which grows outdoors only in these frost-free regions. While petunias, roses, glads, zinnias and the rest are pleasant additions to the garden, poinsettias set out on a grand scale would be a sensational welcome to our visitors and a source of pride and enjoyment to the rest of us.—Ft. Myers News-Press

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FLORIDA FOURTH ESTATE

New Prison Should Improve State Penal System

Authorized by the State Cabinet, architects are now working on detailed plans for the State's new 600-capacity segregation prison.

The new prison is specifically designed to care for persons sentenced to imprisonment upon their first conviction and was pushed by Governor Caldwell as a means of eliminating a long standing evil.

Modern, progressive penal systems have done away with the mixing of hardened and callous criminals among first offenders who possessed an excellent chance for rehabilitation. The old system exerted a decidedly detrimental influence upon freshman prisoners.

The action taken by the State Cabinet is commendable and marks a step forward in State penal administration. —Tampa Daily Times.

Funds for Florida's Health

Gov. Caldwell is ashamed of Florida's lack of funds for public health work.

We spend but 35 cents per capita for health work, the next to the lowest in the Southeast.

Cancer, hookworm, malaria, venereal disease, tuberculosis, are some of Florida's greatest killers and most expensive guests.

To combat them, and to furnish adequate medical and dental care for school children in all of our 67 counties would cost but \$2 per capita, Caldwell reports. We would not have to raise this entire amount, merely the difference between \$2 and the amounts now forthcoming from Federal, city and county sources.

The Governor asks that the Legislature provide these funds and enthusiastically vote "yes."

Florida is in the business of selling health to the nation. Let's put our own house in tiptop shape. Our sunshine and ocean and temperate climate are always with us, but let's not try to make these favorable factors Nature has bestowed on us bear more than their share of the load. —Orlando Sentinel.

Florida's Health

We were very much surprised to learn through a recent speech by Governor Caldwell that there is only one state in the Southeast that spends less, on a per capita basis, than Florida does for public health.

"You will probably be amazed to learn that Florida's per capita expenditures for these purposes (public health) is the sum of 35 cents. None of us is proud of the fact that each of our people contribute as little as 35 cents for the protection of public health and I am sure none of us would be unwilling to see the State do a more acceptable job," Governor Caldwell said.

The Governor's words should start us all to thinking—thinking about the many problems that face the 1947 Legislature. And one of these problems is public health. If Florida is to hold its head high among the 47 other states with regard to health standards we must fashion the laws accordingly. —Ft. Lauderdale News.

A Victory for Florida

The people of this state have decisively rejected two constitutional amendments which would have stopped in its tracks the educational, institutional and highway improvement program which has been going forward under Governor Millard F. Caldwell. This is a victory for the governor, who had the political courage to speak out personally against the measures, and whose words were heeded. But much more important is the victory which this represents for the people of Florida.

Those people still have a long climb ahead of them, but they are climbing, and their steps are firm. The slough of backwardness, in the schools, in the state hospitals, in the necessary services which a state government provides, is already a little way behind them, and they are determined that it shall be left entirely behind. The leadership of Millard Caldwell has been invaluable, as was the leadership of Spessard Holland. But the energy and the determination are those of the people.

There were, and still are, hands that would hold back this march, and place obstacles in its way. Two of those obstacles were the amendments for a legislature-dominated budget director and for a two-year limitation on nearly all appropriations. Those obstacles have been pushed out of the road. The march goes on. —DeLand Sun.

Water Problem Conflict

It is unfortunate that when the conserving of one of our great natural resources comes up for consideration there invariably is posed the question as to how the conservation will affect certain groups or interests.

Governor Caldwell called a meeting for the purpose of discussing Florida's water conservation problem, and the meeting was held in Lakeland Friday. From the reports of the gathering it appears that there is much support for conservation. But that question of how conservation will effect some groups was there, too.

No doubt it is too much to expect that progress can be made without opposition. Yet one would think that in this day and time that even those who have reason to be concerned about how a problem might be mishandled would take an attitude not quite so negative.

Florida has a real water problem. It is a problem which affects every one of us, because before all else it is a problem of public health.

Governor Caldwell has stated that he is not disposed to do anything further about water conservation unless the people indicate positively that they want something done about it.

Is there anything more important to the people of this state than its fresh water supply? We can not imagine that any person in his right mind would say no to this question. Yet there does not appear to be any strong interest in the water problem.

As far as we can tell from this distance the meeting at Lakeland did not give the governor much encouragement. —Ocala Star-Banner.

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St. Petersburg police dug furiously for a half hour, acting on a telephone report that men had buried something in the dirt floor of the basement of the Defense Building. They expected treasure. What they found was a worn out truss, a World War I helmet, pots, pans and tin cans.

"Rose," a familiar character in Jacksonville's police court, never long out of "protective custody" because of her habitual drunkenness, was released long enough to see her veteran son march in the Armistice Day parade.

No one can imagine why the Civil War cannon guarding Tampa's City Hall was stolen. It was later found undamaged in the woods along Hillsborough River.

A St. Petersburg thief seem to have a conscience. He broke into a negro shoe shop and a few nights later left his loot, including some things not yet missed by the shop owner, on the doorsteps of the victim's residence. Of course he may have learned that city detectives were on his trail.

The plea that \$40 a week is not enough caused her husband to turn burglar backfired on the wife of J. E. Haislip when he was tried in Miami's criminal court. Judge Ben C. Willard countered with "I practiced law a long time and made less than that."

A pair of black eyes led to the arrest of a man in Perry on a charge of auto theft. Highway Patrolman Robert P. Farrior spied the man, who gave his name as Elbert P. Parsons, in the bus station with a ticket for the next bus leaving Perry and, upon questioning, found Parsons had placed in a Perry garage an automobile stolen a few days before in Bartow.

The thief who stole a woman's upper and lower plates, from a table in a Miami Beach cafeteria before she had eaten her dinner is candidate for the title of the world's meanest thief.

The fact that Miss Frances Hargrove lives just across the street from her office as principal of the

Bartow elementary school was responsible for the quick arrest of a recent intruder, who went into Miss Hargrove's home through a back door left open for the laundryman. Miss Hargrove spied him as he entered the house and immediately called the police.

Paul Reed, Tavares shell and stamp collector, recently filled an unusual order. A man in the Northwest ordered and paid for 100 ordinary cockroaches, which he uses in experiments.

Plant City, long known as the world's largest winter strawberry producing center, now claims another "largest" title less widely known. It is also Florida's largest producer of pigeons and Mr. and Mrs. Harding H. Powell of Plant City have the distinction of being state leaders in the production of squabs for Northern and Miami markets.

John Miller and his son Don, Ft. Myers winter visitors, have discovered a new sport—tracking down Lee county's giant bullfrogs. They also find the frog legs a welcome table delicacy.

St. Petersburg has an active branch of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

A Jacksonville nurse, whose working hours require her to eat out by herself late at night, requested the city commission to give her a "permit" to be out unescorted. She will either have to find a man escort or a place that doesn't frown on lone female patrons because the commission does not have the power to issue such permits.

The Tampa Travels Aid is trying to find someone who might have known Robert S. Sully or his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Sully. Sully says he was born June 14, 1928, in Ybor City, but he has nothing to prove it and the U. S. Consulate in Stuttgart, Germany, has refused his application for repatriation. He says he went to France in 1939 with his parents, whom he has not seen since they were interviewed by the Germans in Paris in 1942.

Don Campbell won \$150,000 at the Jacksonville Jaycees recent "Monte Carlo" event. But don't envy Campbell too much. The money was stage money and \$1,000 of it sold for a buck.

A Miami man is dead because he darted into traffic to catch the family cat, which had leaped from his wife's arms.

Jacksonville police can testify to the fact that Will Johnson is a sound sleeper. On a recent night a thief took five \$20 bills, nine \$1 bills and a .38 caliber revolver from between the mattresses on which Johnson slept.

Crystal, a dog belonging to Mrs. Frank L. Peterson of Miami, doesn't like airplane motors. Mrs. Peterson took her aboard a northbound plane some months ago, but she jumped from the plane as soon as the motor roared and a \$50 reward is being offered for her return. She appears daily at the airport, but disappears instantly when a plane begins to warm up.

Some of the situations resulting from items left on planes amuse the Miami employees of Eastern Air Lines. One woman, excited by her first air trip, walked from a plane as far as the ticket counter before she realized she had only one shoe. Another telephoned from Tampa to demand that an arch support be flown to her at once because she "couldn't walk without it." The most disappointed Eastern employee was the one who received an article as her very own after the usual six months' wait. The item was a complete set of false teeth.

Small sign, surrounded by huge pictures of viciously-snarling alligators, posted outside a Tampa alligator farm: "Danger, bad dog."

The advice of driver of crowded Tampa bus: "All right, men grab yourself a girl. It will save space."

Also in Tampa, a JP court witness in a drunk driving case, when asked if defendant staggered as he walked away from his car, said: "No, but he did wobble."

Leonard Sansome, creator of "The Wolf," which became well known to GIs in all parts of the world in the columns of Yank magazine, is now in Miami and plans to make his permanent home at Coral Gables where he is building a home for his wife and baby son. Sansone has now

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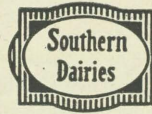
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Mr. Joe F. Hammond, member of Duval County Board of County Commissioners, has been appointed a member of the Jacksonville Safety Council.

J. E. Frierson, Chairman of the Glades County Board of Commissioners is not discouraged because of the slow development of plans for the removal of a sugar company to the Moore Haven area where a mill is to be operated in the near future. He has carried on the negotiations to bring the Louisiana firm to this state.

J. Newton Lummus, Dade County Tax Assessor, has replied to charges made in the Dade County-Miami Beach dispute over county tax policies. He repudiated claims by D. Lee Powell that present policies will discourage investment of outside capital saying "if you really want something done about your taxes, why don't you ask the board of public instruction how much money they are spending on the schools at Miami Beach during the year 1946-47 and obtain the same information regarding your county commissioners."

Leon County Commissioners have petitioned the Talquin Electric Cooperative Association of Quincy to start immediate development of its electrical distribution system in the northern part of the county, the project promised before the war years. The commission's action followed requests for a large delegation of North Leon County citizens who are said to have already paid their initial membership fees.

Duval County Engineer Arthur N. Sollee has begun revising estimated costs on plans for doubling the capacity of the Court House. It is intended to extend the building in all directions on its present site. County Commissioner Tom Marshall had made the comment that no officer in the Court House has enough space to serve the public adequately.

An Appeal was directed to the Hillsborough County Commissioners against the creating of a County zoning commission. J. B. Saffold, Tampa produce man claims that such action would "mean a hardship to the people of Hillsborough County and practically the ruination to many."

M. Leo Elliott, Tampa architect has announced that plans for improvements to the Hillsborough County Jail are ready for submission to the County Commission. The Board then will ad-

vertise for bids on all or part of the improvements recommended.

Palm Beach County Commissioners recently were expecting a delegation which would ask the Board's endorsement of the Atlantic Coast Line application for permission to build a new track to the Okeelanta sugar mill. Many letters and petitions have already been received by the Commission from people in the Everglades area in support of the application.

A stop and go light is to be installed at the intersection of Hillsborough and Armenia avenues in Tampa, County Engineer Carroll reported to the Hillsborough County Commissioners. School officials have requested the Board to install the light unless an officer were kept there during school opening and closing hours to regulate traffic.

Marion County chamber of commerce was host at a luncheon at Ocala recently for a special committee on the State Board of Commissioners of Institutions which was making an inspection of proposed sites in the area for the women's prison. Members of the committee who were guests included Commissioner Nathan Mayo, Comptroller C. M. Gay and C. H. Overman, Director of Florida Improvement Commission.

In a special meeting, the St. John County Commissioners accepted a bid of \$10,511.97 from the McLean Sims Machinery Company in Palatka for the purchase of a dragline and clamshell excavator with necessary cables for dragline and clamshell operation.

Putnam County Commissioners at a recent meeting granted Mrs. Zora Ann Greer a lease on the County Nursing Home for one year, effective December 1, 1946. She succeeded Mrs. Lucy Day as supervisor of the home. Mrs. Day resigned some weeks ago.

In a resolution unanimously adopted by its members, the Duval Board of County Commissioners expressed regret of the recent death of Reverend W. A. Cleveland. The resolution was proposed by Commissioner Joe F. Hammond who recalled the minister's many years of service to the community as pastor of the Presbyterian Churches.

Pinellas County's veteran social worker, Mrs. Ida Dann, has been granted some leisure hours through the revision of her schedule according to an an-

nouncement by Ray Green, County Clerk. Mrs. Dann will be retained on the payroll until the time for her retirement but a portion of the up county work will be taken over by her assistant. Mrs. Dann has been with Pinellas County for twenty-nine years.

Polk County Commissioners have awarded a contract for furnishing and installing an asphalt tile floor for several rooms of the county home at Bartow. The contract was awarded to Stansfield Construction Company of Tampa.

The Santa Rosa Island advisory committee will employ an attorney and a planning engineer, J. H. Sherrill, Chairman of the committee has reported to the county commissioners. The Island Board was appointed by the commissioners to be in charge of the development of Santa Rosa Island as a recreation center.

Leon County Commissioners contributed \$250.00 to a fund raised to defray expenses for the Leon County High School's band trip to Miami's Orange Bowl New Years Day. The band was selected for an appearance at the Orange Bowl festivities.

FLEA EXTERMINATOR

The boys sitting around the courthouse were engaged in one of their favorite occupations—bragging about their dogs.

"Boys," said Zebadiah Jenkins, a visitor from the neighboring village, "have you ever heard how my old hound got rid of his fleas?" The others replied that they had not.

"Well," said Zeb, "He was the most flea-bedeveled hound in 17 counties and so tucked out from chasing game that he didn't have the energy to scratch. One day he come into the kitchen, stole a piece of cotton, and made down the hill toward the creek. I followed along to see what he was aiming to do.

"Well, when he got to the creek he began to back out slowly into the water, being careful to hold the piece of cotton up high so it wouldn't get wet. The fleas started for his head as the water approached from the rear. At last he was clean under the water and all the fleas had fled to that bit of cotton. Then he turned loose the cotton and returned to the land—minus every darn flea!"—Hendry County News.

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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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launched "The Wolf" in civilian clothes with human features.

Gloria Swanson, former screen favorite, and her 23-year-old son, Joseph, recently spent a week at Ponte Vedra Beach.

Hubert Vachette, French manufacturer of locks and hardware, who is in charge of a group of young French industrialists studying and observing American industry, visited in Orlando as the guest of Howard Phillips, whom he met in France.

A citizen of Sopchoppy tells this one on himself: Trying to explain where he was from to a New York cop when his motor went dead in traffic in the big city, he told him Sopchoppy was halfway between Wewahitchka and Apalachicola. The cop yelled "Get movin', and do it quick, ye dommed Rooshin Bolshevik, before I run yez in. Oi don't shpake any furrinlanguage."

A visiting Yankee married a Jacksonville girl, became the father of a daughter, and subsequently went off to war. In trying to prepare his three-year-old offspring for the world of tomorrow by teaching her the French language after his discharge, he told her the illustration of a leaf in the text was "une feuille." The youngster replied: "In the South, we call that a leaf."

On a recent day when Pensacola's Police Chief went home for lunch, he noticed traffic in front of his house slowing down and then moving on in a mysterious fashion. When he arrived at the scene, he found his two four-year-old grandsons, P. J. Smith and Billie Watts, standing in the middle of the street directing traffic.

A Miami bride of 14 thinks two weeks of married life is enough. She has filed suit for divorce, charging her husband continued to pay attention to a former wife after their marriage. The husband filed counter suit, claiming his wife wouldn't fix his meals and that he thought her 18 when he married her.

Nat Caminti, Tampa Municipal Court clerk, has probably had his name misinterpreted many times, but the interpretation by the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C., when they returned a letter of his salvaged from a wrecked plane must be the funniest of all.

They addressed the letter to "National Committee."

Also in Tampa, somebody threw an egg in a mailbox, and Postmaster Wall returned at least one Tampan's letter so messy that only the return address could be read.

In Tallahassee, the George Leslie Isaac family, whose original Scottish name was Macisaac, had their surname changed to Kennedy.

Emory Carter, owner of the Columbia Wood Preserving Company at Lake City, and Project Forester Clarke Mathewson have developed a "pole beater," which eliminates the tedious manual process of removing bark from telephone poles, fence posts, etc.

John H. Smith, 30, of Panama City, has accomplished the unbelievable since losing his sight three years ago, now is anxious to open a furniture factory where he can teach other blind people to work with their hands and become self-supporting. Since the automobile accident which robbed him of his sight, he has built a five-room home with only the roughest tools and help of his three children, built a boat for his children, has worked as a plumber, as commercial fisherman and raised a truck garden.

Francis J. Roggan, recently an instructor at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, and Ben Skoney, who served with the 102nd Infantry Division during World War II, plan to manufacture in Jacksonville a new \$500 three-passenger automobile, which they developed. The automobile is called the Super-Gluper, weighs 590 pounds, is 101 inches long, 44 wide and 34 high, has one-cylinder motor mounted in rear, space under hood for baggage, and averaged 72 miles per gallon of gasoline on a trial cross-country run.

"Southern Exposure," the second book of Stetson Kennedy, son of George W. Kennedy of Jacksonville, has been released. Kennedy's first book, "Palmetto Country," appeared in 1941.

The unique hobby of three Tallahassee citizens is getting out a mimeographed "Family Newsletter." A. C. Stubbs edits the letter for the Stubbs family and Carolyn and Lillian Gaines edit a similar letter for the Adams clan.

Mrs. W. J. Lfferty of Jacksonville has a tuneful collection of bells in

all sorts of shapes and sizes and from all parts of the world. Many were sent to her by servicemen entertained at her home while stationed in Jacksonville.

The growing of rare orchids and seedless tomatoes are among some of the interesting botanical experiments being carried on in the greenhouse and laboratory at Florida State College for Women.

Edward Garvey and Edmond Way, two veterans of World War II, are converting plexiglass, the transparent plastic that encased warplane cockpits, to dozens of peacetime jobs in their Miami plant. With Freda Garvey, Ed's wife, they also operate The House of Plastics, one of Miami's most colorful shops.

One of the few worm breeders in the United States is located in Eustis. He is Glen Daniel, who was recently discharged from the Marine Corps. If you are interested in buying worms, the price for common earthworms usually runs about \$10 for 700 worms in quantity lots.

Robert A. Ewing, a veteran, has turned his hobby of making boat, plane, racing car and army car models into a business. He has a shop in St. Petersburg.

Two other veterans and the wife of one are having the time of their lives at a pottery plant near Sulphur Springs where Florida clay is being turned into vases, ash trays, figurines, etc.—and are beginning to show a little profit, too. They are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Stasch, and Ted Bell.

Mrs. Richard Scoates of Jacksonville started her doll hospital business as a hobby, but found the work so interesting she made a business of it. She and Mr. Scoates stayed up as late as 2:00 a. m. trying to get all her doll patients ready for Christmas, 1946.

With the weekly turtle cargo suddenly quadrupled, Tampa has established itself as a turtle port.

In St. Petersburg a new leatherwork industry has been launched by two veterans, William Henry Frazine and Martin Morrissey. They make motorcycle saddle bags and other items, including elaborately carved belts, wallets, camera cases, handbags and writing cases.

The long grey Spanish moss so familiar to all Floridians is worth about \$15,000 a month to East Hillsborough county residents who gather

it for delivery to a moss processing firm just outside Plant City. The moss plant manager, R. D. Curington, says the demand for moss is much greater than the supply.

Mrs. Evelyn Aikens of Coconut Grove, a semi-invalid because of rheumatic fever, started doll making as a hobby during long hours of enforced idleness, but the hobby is fast becoming a business. The handmade dolls of many types are very unusual and her average output is twelve a week.

A St. Petersburg resident, Mrs. Etchel Kuncis, easily transforms shells of the Gulf beaches into original pieces of costume jewelry, including earrings, brooches and bracelets. When her doctor prescribed Florida sunshine for her failing health, she discovered shellcraft as a means of making a living.

At Sunset Colony, established on 38 acres of fertile wooded land at Six Mile Creek near Tampa by Mrs. Ida Caminti and an organization headed by Hillsborough County Solicitor Cobbey as President, it is planned to provide homes and a livelihood for the aged and handicapped. An attractive log administration building has been built and a pottery shop is in operation with two volunteer workers under the supervision of Mrs. Caminti.

William Thomas Whitesell, unusually active for a man of his age, celebrated his 100th birthday in Palatka by taking his first airplane ride.

Joseph P. Robles, Confederate war veteran of Tampa who will be 100 years old next February, attributes his long life partly to controlling the impulse to chase the dollar.

Former Tallahassee Police Chief George W. Bass, who celebrated his 87th birthday recently, is unusually agile and is well on his way into his 33rd year on the police force.

An 82-year-old man, blind and deaf, knocked down by an automobile in St. Petersburg, refused to go to the hospital for treatment.

Manuel Alvarez, 82, Tampa's oldest active cigar worker, stays at his job day after day, spurning old age pension or social security benefits.

92-year-old George L. (Dad) Howe passed through Tallahassee on the first lap of his walking jaunt from Savannah, Georgia, to Los Angeles, California.

One family has tended the St.

Marks lighthouse for 52 years. The present keeper, J. Y. Gresham, has been on the job for 29 years and he took over the job at the age of 29 from his wife's mother, who had been polishing the big lens for 11 years. Mrs. Gresham was born in the lighthouse and her father had been in charge of it for 12 years before her mother's tenure.

Charles E. Pieratte of Tallahassee was amazed when a baby deer jumped into his arms as he went down to put coal in his basement furnace one morning. The fawn turned out to be the pet of Carlton Akin, who was a very happy youngster when his pet was returned.

A sweet potato weighing 10½ pounds, twice the size of a normally

large potato, was grown in the Jacksonville garden of J. E. Reeves.

Anyone who doesn't believe that grapefruit trees grow in Northwest Florida should go to Pensacola. Gene Trader and Mrs. C. B. Curtis each have a bearing grapefruit tree.

Lemuel L. Stewart of Miami, his family of four and a winter visitor, will spend the season in a decommissioned Pan American Clipper ship, which he purchased for \$750.

Many who have had to live in cramped living quarters will sympathize with the University of Florida student who wrote home that he slept in the attic of his fraternity house, kept his clothes on the second floor and studied in the basement.

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COLLECTS RARE BIRDS

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shows no qualms about associating with the bird royalty all around him. He eats from the same dishes. When they sing, he blends his tiny sparrow voice with theirs.

When visitors comment on the sparrow's presence among the rare birds, Harrison insists it gives the cage a greater international representation. "After all," he says, "the sparrow too is an import. His ancestors came from England, didn't they?"

But the "biggest noise" of his bird pets is Mac, a huge blue and gold macaw with a real adventure life story. Mac stays in the house part of the time, but most pleasant daylight hours he spends on his special perch midway the backyard, or either high in a tree where he can talk to every one in sight.

Mac was a refugee from the worst of the hurricanes which invaded southern Florida back in 1928. A friend of Harrison's picked up the battered Macaw on the Tamiami Trail where he had blown up from the Everglades. After keeping the bird for several years, the friend gave him to Harrison for his collection.

Before long Mac became a regular household pet instead of just another member of Harrison's bird assortment. While Mrs. Harrison works in the kitchen, Mac sits on the dish towel rack and chatters merrily. When she irons, he hovers around the ironing board, cocking his blue and gold head saucily to one side while he comments on anything and everything. He has a wide vocabulary of usual parrot phrases plus a goodly number of slang expressions picked up around the Murray Hill neighborhood.

When the family goes for an afternoon ride, Mac sits on the back of the seat and enjoys the scenery too. When the Harrisons even mention riding in the car, he understands immediately and flies to the automobile. Sometimes he perches first on the steering wheel and has to be shooed to his regular position on the back of the seat.

Although the Macaw is free to roam around the Harrison premises at will, he has left the backyard only twice. One time dates back to his early hurricane scare. When Jacksonville was visited by its last threat of a real

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squall in the Fall, Mac was outside during the day. A sudden burst of strong wind frightened him, and lifting his great wings he flew twice around his master's house, yelling "Help" at the top of his voice.

By the time the Harrisons got outside to see what was happening, Mac was a half block away. They called to him, and he waited until they caught up with him, and carried him safely back to the house. The most amazing thing about the incident was Mac never before and never since has used the word "Help." The Harrisons don't even know where he heard it.

His second straying from home was also of short duration. The screen door slammed behind him just as he was turned outside, and the unusual noise frightened him. Again Harrison captured him before he was a half block away.

Harrison estimates that Mac is now about 22 years old. He has several special tricks, including feeding himself with a spoon. His favorite delicacy is preserves.

The Florida wood ducks that Harrison has in his backyard are among his most prized possessions. He holds a small game farm license to be able to keep them in captivity. His specimens are rated highly all over Florida. Not long ago by request he shipped 17 wood ducks to the new park in Panama City.

He calls the wood duck the most beautiful bird in America and one of the most unusual. Building their nests high off the ground, the wood duck pushes its young out often from a height of 30 feet. Harrison has built a simulated tree trunk in the large cage for the wood ducks. He has also planted azaleas and other blooming plants to better show off the beautiful coloring of the wood ducks.

Also in Harrison's duck collection are two brilliantly plumaged wild ducks which he and a friend captured on the river bank about a year ago. The two were fishing when they spied the ducks. After considerable chase and "duck catching" strategy, they were successful in capturing them.

Harrison kept the ducks penned up for some time until they got used to living in his backyard. Now they run loose most of the time. They swim in the little pools dotting the yard. Silhouetted against a background of pas-

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tel flowers and green foliage, the ducks are truly a picturesque sight. They are entirely tame now and do not attempt to run away.

His two gouldian finches represent the species of bird which has been acclaimed the most beautiful in the entire world, Harrison says. These finches are natives of Australia.

With a rapid decrease in their numbers in the mother country, the Australian government has now banned exportation of the gouldian finches. Harrison obtained his several years ago.

Living on the same calendar schedule they observed in Australia, the birds nest exactly opposite from the others in Harrison's yard. Their mating season is our winter time.

Widely known for their exceptional beauty, the pheasants owned by Harrison live up to their splendorous reputation. The gorgeous plumage of his Chinese ringneck pheasant resembles the artistry of a hand-painted urn from the far eastern country. He also has several beautiful golden pheasants with their traditional richness of color.

Like the swan's egg that was hatched by the plain mother duck in the famous "Ugly Duckling" fairy tale, the pheasant eggs are hatched by little bantam hens in the Harrison yard. The bantams make far better parents, Harrison says, because they do not desert their young as early as the pheasants.

The bantams, like all of Harrison's pets, are pedigreed. He has the black rose comb and buff cochin varieties developed in China.

He is particularly partial to bantams because they were his first bird pets. When he was only ten years old, his father brought him a pair of the pedigreed bantam chicks. Harrison learned to love the bantams and early developed an ardor for only pedigreed stock.

But even smaller than the bantams and probably the cutest birds in his entire assortment are the wee button quail, native of southern California. These little birds live almost entirely without water. They exist easily and healthily in the arid areas of western United States.

All these 450 birds require a lot of time and infinite care. But Harrison enjoys his hobby so much he does not mind the time spent in developing it. The disease and death rate

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NEW STATE ROAD NUMBERS

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The essential principles of the plan are briefly described.

All roads leading from north to south bear odd numbers with the number one assigned to the extreme easterly

road. All roads leading east to west bear even numbers with the number two assigned to the extreme northerly road.

Certain control roads have been selected for the purpose of dividing the State into segments within which an appropriate numbering plan may be

effected. The north and south control roads are one and two digit numbers ending in 5-5-15-25-35 45 55-65-75-85-95; the east and west control roads are two digit numbers ending in zero—10-20-30-40-50-60-70-80-90.

There are four important diagonal roads, two leading from northeast to southwest and two leading from northwest to southeast—these are numbered 100-200-500-600.

Main connecting roads leading from north to south are assigned one and two digit numbers between the limiting control routes. For example, north and south main connecting roads between control routes 15 and 25 are numbered 17-19-21-23. Main connecting roads leading from east to west are assigned numbers in a similar manner. For example, east and west main connecting roads between control routes 50 and 60 are numbered 52-54-56-58.

Secondary or short route-length roads are assigned three digit numbers. The first number of the three digit number places the location with relation to the east and west control routes as follows:

Between Florida and Alabama-Georgia line and route 10—Numbers 101 to 199.

Between Route 10 and Route 20—Numbers 201 to 299.

Between Route 20 and Route 40—Numbers 301 to 399.

Between Route 40 and Route 50—Numbers 401 to 499.

Between Route 50 and Route 60—Numbers 501 to 599.

Between Route 60 and Route 70—Numbers 601 to 699.

Between Route 70 and Route 80—Numbers 701 to 799.

Between Route 80 and Route 90—Numbers 801 to 899.

South of Route 90—Numbers 901 to 999.

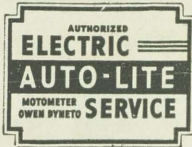
For example, secondary Road 505 would be located between control routes 50 and 60 and would be found near the easternmost portion. Secondary Road 196 would be located between the Florida-Alabama line and Route 10 would be found near the westernmost portion.

The illustration on the opposite page shows typical roads in each system with the appropriate new numbers.

A new highway Sign, Signal and Marking Manual is being prepared by the Department. The purpose is to make such signs and markings conform more closely to those recommended by the American Association of State Highway Officials, whose recommendations are followed by most of the states. Since Florida attracts thousands of motoring tourists each year it is most important, from a safety standpoint, that they be guided and regulated by signs with which they are familiar.

Typical information and guide signs, showing size, design and assembly, are shown in illustration on page—.

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RARE BIRDS

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among his pets is unusually low.

The birds eat scratch and chicken feed. Many of the pools with constant running water in the bird cages also provide the necessary water for drinking purposes. Huge sheets of isinglass on the north side of the cages protect the birds from the winter winds.

Although he prefers to be known as a bird fancier, Harrison is technically an aviculturist or person who rears and cares for birds. He also likes pedigreed dogs and has owned several blue ribbon winners. His best known was a huge collie which died this spring. He now has a rusty chow and small brown dachshound.

He has been president of the Florida State Bird Fanciers, a director of the Duval County Aviculture Society, and was one of the founders of the Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association.

CHANGE IN STATE HIGHWAY NUMBER 1 STATE OF FLORIDA

Please be advised that the State Road Board adopted a Resolution in their meeting on November 25, 1946, held in Tallahassee, Florida, changing the new State Road Number 1 to State Road Number A1A. The necessity for changing this Highway Number was because of confusion which has been experienced by the traveling public where US 1 and SR 1 are common or intersect each other.

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The Santa Claus myth, in giving children the idea that they can live by magic, helps to make neurotics of them, says Maj. Gen. Brook Chisholm, Canada's surgeon general. In a visit to New York as member of the U.N. World Health Organization, the general, a psychoanalyst, said neurotics are being produced today on a mass basis. Parents are helping by what they are saying to their children, and he quotes conversations overheard in public buses.

The general's remedy for increasing neuroses is to have psychoanalysts share their specialized knowledge with members of parent-teacher groups, school and home organizations, community clubs and the like.

Thoughtful parents will agree with the general in decrying the technique of "if -you-aren't-a-good-boy-santa-won't-come." Half the fun of Christmas will be lost for Mom and Dad if science is going to rob them of this—Pensacola Journal.



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SOIL MECHANICS

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In the second semester of the senior year, the student is acquainted with additional phases of Highway Engineering by courses in Highway Construction and Materials, covering construction surveys, methods and equipment, the examination of bituminous materials and the design of bituminous paving mixes; and Highway Bridges, covering the selection and design of highway bridges in concrete and steel.

In both semesters, the student's program is rounded out by courses in Structural and Sanitary Engineering.

Facilities of the Civil Engineering Department have been increased for the 1946-47 school year by the construction of a temporary building having approximately 4000 square feet of floor space. This building, known as the "Highway Building," provides space for a drafting room, classroom, offices and modern laboratories for Soil Mechanics, Bituminous Materials and Concrete.

The Soil Mechanics Laboratory, a new development at the University is completely equipped for the routine analysis of soils and evaluation of the structural properties of soils. In addition to equipment for routine testing, the laboratory has a Direct Shear Machine, Tri-Axial Compression Machine, Consolidometers, Florida Soil Bearing Machine, California Bearing Ratio equipment and other modern soil testing apparatus.

The Bituminous Materials Laboratory contains equipment for the examination of bituminous materials used in highway work, and for the design and examination of bituminous paving mixtures. The laboratory has a Marshall Stability Apparatus for the design of bituminous paving mixes.

The Concrete Laboratory is completely equipped for the testing of aggregate and cement, and for the design and examination of concrete mixes.

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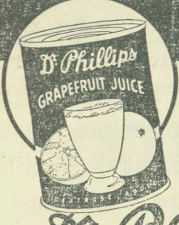
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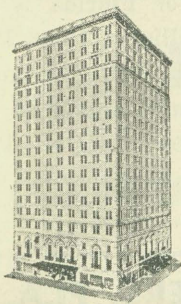
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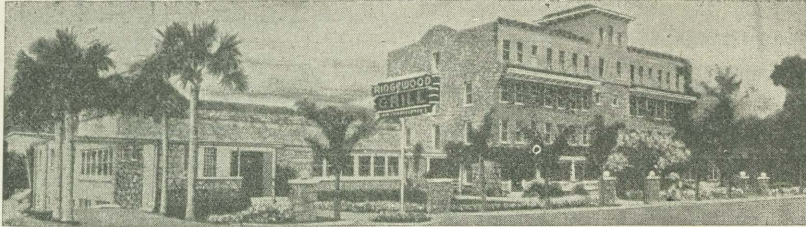
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The program in Highway Engineering at the University has also been augmented by the recent receipt of several items of highway construction equipment. This equipment will be used for demonstration and instruction.

Members of the Civil Engineering Department at the University recognize the importance of an adequate, modern highway system to the people of the State of Florida. It is felt that, with the developments outlined above, students at the University planning to enter the Highway Field in Florida will be well prepared for their chosen profession.

Close cooperation is being maintained between the Civil Engineering Department and the State Road Department. Such cooperation should insure that the student is familiar with the Engineering functions of the State Road Department, and provide the Road Department with a maximum of benefit from the program.

The Civil Engineering Department at the University of Florida is directed by C. D. Williams, Head Professor. The work in Soil Mechanics and Highway Engineering is in charge of L. J. Ritter, Assistant Professor of Highway Engineering.

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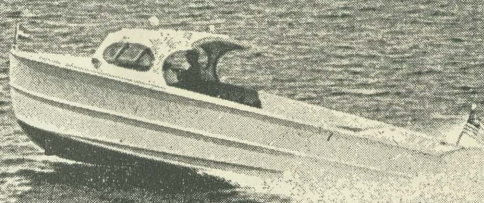
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AID FOR DEBT RIDDEN CITIES

One of the major fights in the legislature next spring may center around aid for Florida's debt ridden municipalities. It's an almost assured fact that the municipalities will maintain a powerful lobby in Tallahassee, and it appears equally certain that powerful opposition will be encountered. Governor Caldwell does not seem inclined to offer any state aid to the cities, and that alone may be enough to bring about quite a fight in the legislature.

At the recent news conference in Orlando, Governor Caldwell spoke out very definitely against state aid for debt ridden cities. The governor pointed out that control always followed financial aid and to prove his point, cited the situation of counties now receiving state aid to pay off their bonds. State aid will be a blow against local self government, the governor said. Not very many people will disagree with Governor Caldwell on that point, but the plight of debt ridden municipalities still remains unsolved.

Time after time it has been pointed out that the general public comes in contact with local government, more than any other type. City police departments, fire departments and sanitary departments are all functions of local governments, but many cities are already being strained to carry on such functions. More sources of revenue must be uncovered, and city officials all over Florida are trying to find out just where they are.

Federal and state governmental agencies are taking the greater part of every tax payer's dollar, leaving just a very small part to the local authorities. On the other hand, the tax payers are paying just about their limit, so relief must be found in another direction.

Governor Caldwell is right in his statement that control always follows financial aid. Apparently the wise thing to do is for the state to lop off some of its sources of revenue, and let the cities take them over.—Arcadian.

ERROR CORRECTED

It is a pleasure to report that the recent domestic tragedy attributed to the household of Mrs. J. M. Rigsby of the Shady Grove community of Carroll county was a gross exaggeration.

You may have heard over the air that little Jack Rigsby, age 19 months, tossed a bundle of \$1,800 of currency into the fireplace and the money was burned to ash. Well, it wasn't little Jack who tossed the money into the

fire. It was his little sister, Martha. And the money wasn't burned to ash. It was just scorched a bit here and there before it was rescued by a quick grab into the fireplace, and there will be no trouble about having it redeemed by the Treasury. Furthermore, it wasn't \$1,800. It was \$6. And finally it was not the family's savings of a lifetime, it was just a little pocket money which a 10-year-old daughter had earned picking about 200 pounds of cotton.

It all goes to show that betwixt current rumor and actual fact there is often a vast expanse, and that bridging the gap is one of the toughest assignments in newspaper work — Atlanta Journal.

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Lee county's shark factory at Bokeelia is swinging into full production with a haul last week of 38 leopard and sandsharks for a net of 2,400 pounds of liver oil, a truckload of skins for leather, tons of meat for dog food, tubs of bones for novelties and scores of fins to be shipped to China for soup.

The processing plant is a small building on pilings 200 yards out in the bay from Bokeelia beach at the head of a narrow dock. Here is housed the steam cooker which extracts the oil from the shark livers.

This oil is the most valuable product from the shark. It contains vitamin A and is used mainly as a tonic, being sold directly to medical laboratories. The leather, bone novelties, dogfood and fins for soup are by-products.

The plant is already a success financially, according to Jim Hall, secretary and treasurer who is in charge of processing operations. Asked if the company could sell all of its products, Hall said:

"I only wish we could get all we could sell."

Getting enough sharks is a real problem, Hall said. At present the company has only one large boat capable of going 80 miles from shore into 30-fathom water where sharks abound. This is skippered by Nick Armada, an old-time ocean-going sea captain. However, Hall was hopeful that more local fishermen would start shark fishing to swell the plant's production.

The sharks are caught on baited hooks suspended on chains supported by oil drum floats. They are hauled to the surface and finished off with a rifle bullet. Then they are brought aboard boat by a crane and are butchered at sea. Last week's catch of 38 sharks ranged around 10 and 12 feet in length and averaged about 2,000 pounds each.

The new firm is headed by Gus Hendry who is president of the company, titled the Eureka Products company. Del Grover, an ex-marine who trained in Fort Myers, is vice president.—Ft. Myers News-Press.

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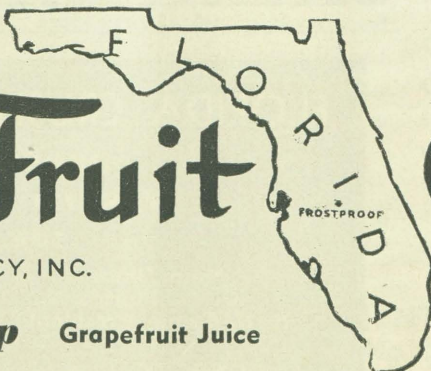
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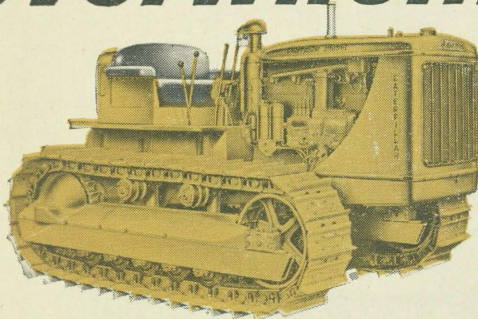
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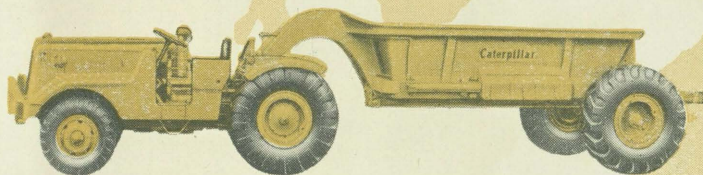
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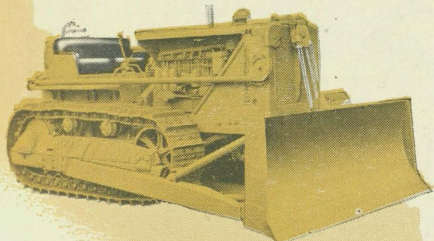
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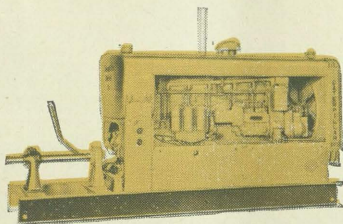
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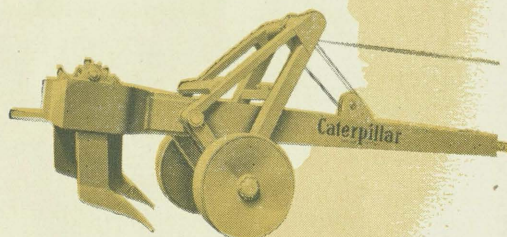
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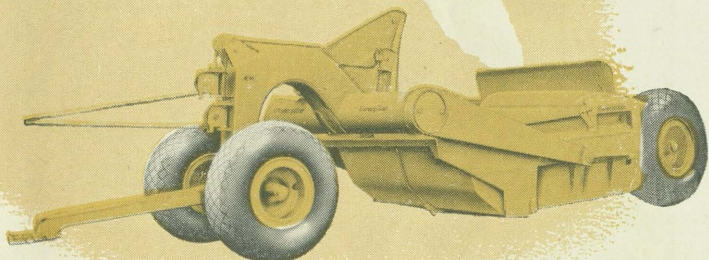


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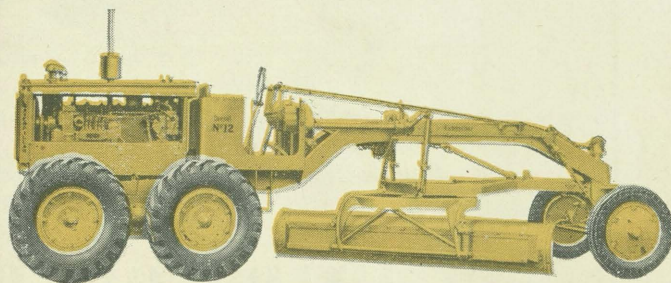
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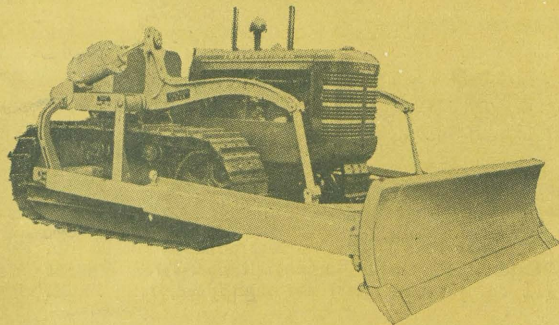
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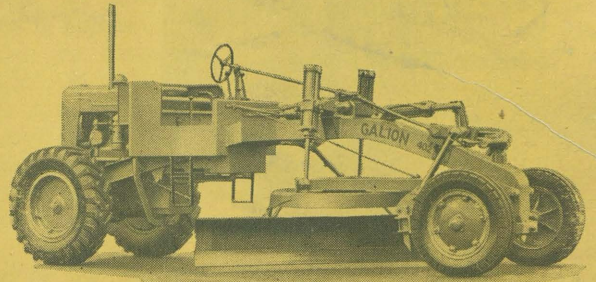
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